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**WESTMORELAND
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

AND

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

This Year's Town Report
is dedicated to the
People of Westmoreland
for all their dedication to the Town.

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OFFICE HOURS

TOWN CLERK	399-7211	Monday	7:30 am - 2:00 pm
		Monday evening	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
		Wednesday	7:30 am - 11:00 am
		Wednesday	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
		CLOSED HOLIDAYS	
TAX COLLECTOR	399-7211	Same hours as Town Clerk	
SELCMEN'S OFFICE	399-4471	Tuesday - Friday	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
SELECTMEN'S MEETING		1 st & 3 rd Thursday each month - 7:00 pm	
PLANNING BOARD		2 nd Tuesday each month - 7:30 pm	
ZONING BORAD OF ADJUSTMENTS		2 nd Tuesday each month - 7:30 pm	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		1 st Thursday each month - 7:00pm	
OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE	399-4310		
POLICE SERVICES	355-2000		
TO RESERVE TOWN HALL	399-4471		

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT – 2006

In March this year the Selectmen welcomed Wesley Staples as a Selectman. Wesley has lived in town all of his life and has been very active in town affairs, and is a dedicated citizen of Westmoreland. He is always looking out for the best interest of the town.

Although 2005 was a very busy year we had hoped 2006 would be quiet. Not so. We had a major bank slide on Great Meadow Ferry Road. Half the road was washed away and had to be reconstructed with tons of rock being put in place to ensure the road could be restored. We wish to thank the Westmoreland Highway Department for the many hours working on this project.

After all the rains we have had there was an enormous amount of debris in the brooks. Without being able to get into the streambeds the cleanup was not possible. Finally, Natural Resources Conservation Commission met with the town and with permits from affected landowner, State and DES permits in place bids were put out to clean the debris from sites designed by Natural Resources Conservation Commission. The bid was awarded to Eastern Logging of Manchester, NH. Two of the sites were completed, and the Route 12 site was put on hold until DES gave approval to the company to work from within the riverbeds. With this permit given the long stretch of Route 12 and over the River Road at Sheeprock was completed. In the spring of 2007 bank restoration will be completed on two sites. Great Meadow Ferry Road and a site on Partridge Brook Road.

In May, Trisha Moore resigned as Secretary to the Board of Selectmen. The Board accepted her resignation with regret but wish her the best in her classes at Keene Beauty Academy. The Board hired Tina Cutter to replace Trisha. The Board thanks everyone for being understanding while these two women have been learning the very complex job of being Secretary to the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Elaine M. Moore, Chair, David Putnam, Wesley Staples

MODERATOR

Peter Heed

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

TREASURER

JoAnn LeBarre

SECRETARY

Trisha Moore, Resigned

Tina Cutter

CUSTODIAN

Edward Messer

AUDITORS

Susan Reed, Michael Reed

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Barbara Messer, Dorothy Thompson, Pat Bentrup

CONSTABLE

James A. Cemorelis

ROAD AGNET

Gary Hudson

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Patrick Baker, Russell Kotfila, Tom Bates

LIBRARIAN

Mary Crowther

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

Marjorie Merena, Chair, Cindy Cote, Peter Longsjo, Bruce Clement

WELFARE OFFICE

Elaine M. Moore

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

JoAnn LaBarre, Donald Hall, Robert Moore

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Robert Moore, Jr., Chair, Kelly Goodrich, James Blake, Resigned
Michael Acerno, Gary Dermott

PLANNING BOARD

Lauren Bressett, Chair, Lori Burt, Sec., Wesley Staples, Bruce Smith,
Nancy Zeller, Robert Harcke, Walter Derjue

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Peter Remy, Chair, John Burt, Brian Merry, Brenda, Shelley, Barry Shonbeck,
Russell Huntley, Alt., April Ferguson, Alt. Helen Draper, Resigned

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Bruce R. Smith

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Larry Muchmore

HEALTH OFFICER

Lloyd Draper, Barbara Chase

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Edward Messer

WANTASKIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Jim Blake, Richard Schmidt, Stuart Adams

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marshall Patmos, Chair, Jim Blake, Jeff Smith,
Walter Derjue, George Duke, John Lukin

RECREATION COMMISSION

Thomas Ainsworth, David Bressett,
David Shelley, Mark Ferenc, Susan Harris

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Bill Howland, President, Jim Blake, Vice President, Jan Carpenter, Secretary,
Libby McKenney, Treasurer**

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Tina Fletcher

SOUTHWEST REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Harcke, Marshall Patmos

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

To the inhabitants of the Town of WESTMORELAND in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Westmoreland on Tuesday, the Thirteenth day of March, 2007 at **11 of the clock** in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the voters will approve the Zoning changes as proposed by the Planning Board (Copies on file with the Town Clerk)

Following the counting of ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00 PM, March 14, 2007 at the Westmoreland School gymnasium. The balance of the articles will be acted on at that time.

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of Agents and take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$490,000) to replace the Makinen Road Bridge. number 151/125, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$490,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Reimbursement of \$392,000 will come from the State Bridge Aid and \$98,000 to be raised by taxes. 2/3 vote required. (The Selectmen Recommends this Article) (**Not Recommended** by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to open the Class 6 portion of Thompson Road. One Hundred Sixty Dollars to be reimbursed by State Bridge Aid and \$40,000 to be raised by taxes. (The Selectmen Recommends this Article) (**Not Recommended** by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 6 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred (\$12,500) to refurbish 36 Engine #4. Seven Thousand Five Hundred to come from Fire Truck Capital Reserve, and Five Thousand Dollars to be raised by taxes. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends this Article)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$67,500) for stream bank restoration on Great Meadow Ferry and Partridge Brook Road. Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$50,625) to be reimbursed by the Federal Government and Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$16,875) to be raised by taxes.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends this Article)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$3,998) to resurface the tennis courts.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to reprint the town History. The book is with a soft cover in a quantity of between 250 and 300 books.

(The Board of Selectmen Recommend this Article) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

ARTICLE 12: To see what disposition the town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund. The Funds are included in the proposed operating budget.

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to approve a twice a year tax billing or take any action at this time.

(The Board of Selectmen approve this article.)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town of Westmoreland will authorize the Selectmen to execute, acknowledge and deliver a deed without covenants to Peter A. and Linda L. Remy conveying all of the town's right, title and interest in that certain parcel of land situated between the westerly side of Granger Hollow Road, so called, as now constructed and easterly of the boundary of land of Peter A. and Linda L. Remy. The land described in this article is the former road bed of Granger Hollow Road which has now been relocated to the east. (PETITION ARTICLE)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our elected officials at the local and state levels:

Resolved: We the citizens of Westmoreland, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. "The Pledge" perpetuates a burdensome property tax. We urge our elected officials to reject "The Pledge," have an open discussion covering all options, and to adopt a revenue system that relieves the local property tax burden. (PETITION ARTICLE)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Westmoreland. These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
 2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.
- (PETITION ARTICLE)

ARTICLE 17: The method used to statistically update property assessments in 2006 in Westmoreland was flawed, lacked fairness, and should be replaced. Mandatory property assessment updates should be calculated based on a single percentage increase over 2005 values and applied equally to all Westmoreland properties. In addition Westmoreland should return to a town-wide system of individual property assessments conducted at agreed upon fixed intervals. (PETITION ARTICLE)

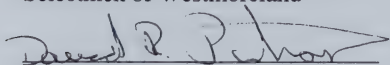
ARTICLE: 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$490,920) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the vote will vote to go to a twice a year tax billing system.

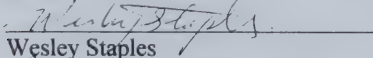
ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this ¹⁵ February in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven.

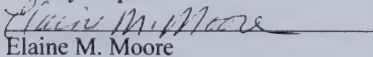
Selectmen of Westmoreland



David R. Putnam



Wesley Staples



Elaine M. Moore

FINANCIAL REPORT

Board of Selectmen
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006
Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$336,919.43
Cash Investment		789,007.93
Cash Conservation Fund		21,444.78
Cash Capital Reserve Funds		176,642.39
Unredeemed Taxes:	Levy of 2005	30,344.36
	Prior Taxes	62,260.69
Uncollected Taxes:	Levy of 2006 (including all Taxes)	207,841.25
Less Allowance for Abatements		(25,625.79)
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,598,835.04

Liabilities & Fund Equity

Liabilities:		
School Tax Payable		1,091,499.00
Special Revenue Fund:	Conservation	21,444.78
Capital Reserve Funds:	Bridge Reconstruction	42,424.65
	Fire Equipment	26,603.76
	Highway Equipment	44,791.84
	Municipal Land Purchase	53,655.47
	Police Cruiser	8,596.86
	Revaluation	569.81
	Total Capital Reserve Funds	176,642.39
Total Liabilities		1,289,586.17
Fund Equity:		
	Reserved: Brook Clean-Up	4,249.00
	Pandemic	510.55
	Total Reserved	4,759.55
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus)		304,489.32
Total Fund Equity		309,248.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES		\$1,598,835.04

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

	Actual Appropriation 2006	Actual Expenditures 2006	Selectmen's Budget 2007	Budget Committee Recommended 2007
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130 Executive	32,998	25,891	33,375	33,375.00
4140 Elec., Reg. & Vital Stats.	20,709	20,084	20,989	20,989.00
4150 Financial Administration	37,060	36,897	38,706	38,706.00
4153 Legal Expenses	6,000	4,506	7,000	7,000.00
4155 Personnel Administration	51,082	53,845	60,323	60,323.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	4,680	4,110	5,101	5,101.00
4194 General Government Bldg.	16,915	12,494	17,853	17,853.00
4195 Cemeteries	6,000		6,000	6,000.00
4196 Insurance Not Allocated to Depts.	12,320	12,065	13,264	13,264.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210 Police	7,450	6,795	7,350	7,350.00
4215 Ambulance	12,000	16,747	19,000	19,000.00
4220 Fire & Rescue	22,700	22,541	28,000	28,000.00
4240 Building Inspection	4,000	3,193	4,000	4,000.00
4290 Emergency Management	1,000	900	7,000	7,000.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311 Highway Administration	114,727	106,299	118,480	118,480.00
4312 Highways & Streets	324,421	322,880	408,352	377,952.00
4316 Street Lighting	2,300	2,467	2,500	2,500.00
OTHER HIGHWAY STREETS & BRIDGES				
4319	0	0	6,250	6,250.00
4313 BRIDGES	0	0	20,000	20,000.00
SANITATION				
4324 Solid Waste & Recycling	92,480	77,059	95,600	95,600.00
HEALTH				
4411 Health Administration	100	100	100	100.00
4414 Animal Control	100	0	100	100.00
4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,700.00
WELFARE				
4441 Welfare Administration	130	100	130	130.00
4442 Direct Assistance	3,000	806	3,000	3,000.00
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520 Parks & Recreation	4,375	4,375	4,375	4,375.00
4550 Library	25,500	25,500	27,750	27,750.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	300	193	200	200.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

		Actual Appropriation 2006	Actual Expenditures 2006	Selectmen's Budget 2007	Budget Committee Recommended 2007
4611	CONSERVATION Conservation Commission	425	530	500	500.00
4711	DEBT SERVICE Principal - Highway Truck	20,000.00	19,979	0	0.00
4711	Principal - Backhoe/Loader	30800.00	30,800	0	0.00
4721	Bessie Pierce Bridge	0.00	0	20,000	20,000.00
4721	Interest on Long Term Loans	1,217	1,227	1,780	1,780.00
4723	Interest on TAN	4,000	12,278	15,000	15,000.00
4901	CAPITAL OUTLAY *Thompson Road	0	0	200,000	0.00
4901	*Stream Bed Restoration	0	0	67,500	67,500.00
4902	*Fire Truck Restoration	0	0	12,500	12,500.00
4903	*Cormer School House	5,250	5,250	0	0.00
4909	*Bessie Pierce Bridge	40,000	40,000	0	0.00
4909	*Makinen Road Bridge	0	0	490,000	0.00
4909	*Tennis Court Resurfacing	0	0	3,998	3,998.00
4909	*Town History Books	0	0	7,000	0.00
4912	INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT Conservation Fund	3,080	3,284	3,000	3,000.00
4915	*Capital Res-Bridge Reconstruction	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000.00
4915	*Capital Res-Fire Equipment	5,000	5,000	0	0.00
4915	*Capital Res-Highway Equipment	15,000	15,000	5,000	5,000.00
4915	*Capital Res-Mun Land Purchase	51,945	51,945	0	0.00
	Operating Budget	\$866,569	\$838,645	\$999,778	\$969,378
	*Warrant Articles	\$127,195	\$127,195	\$795,998	\$98,998
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$993,764	\$965,840	\$1,795,776	\$1,068,376
	Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of Taxes			\$1,230,081	\$577,456
	Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)			\$565,695	\$490,920

Budget Committee: Robert Moore, Kelly Goodrich, Gary Dermott, Michael Acerno, David Putnam

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues 2006	Actual Revenues 2006	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues 2007
<u>TAXES</u>			
3120 Land Use Change Tax	3,800	3,800	6,000
3185 Yield Taxes	25,000	28,924	20,000
3187 Excavation Tax	5,500	5,541	5,500
3190 Interest & Penalties-Taxes	7,550	9,902	8,000
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES</u>			
3210 Business Licenses & Permits	600	655	600
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	241,000	260,567	251,000
3230 Building Permits	2,000	3,193	4,000
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,555	5,209	4,090
<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
3319 Streambank Restoration	0	0	50,625
3319 Pandemic	0	0	6,000
<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3351 Shared Revenue	9,686	17,819	10,000
3352 Rooms & Meals	72,182	72,181	72,000
3353 Highway Block Grant	71,873	71,873	69,022
3356 Forest Land Reimbursement	19	19	19
3359 Floods		8,993	0
3359 Bessie Pierce Bridge	0	0	44,000
3359 Makinen Road Bridge	0	0	392,000
3359 Thompson Road Construction	0	0	160,000
<u>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</u>			
3379 Misc.	3,698	3,698	0
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401 Income from Departments	2,800	3,739	2,550
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3502 Interest	12,500	16,720	11,000
3503 Rent of Property	5,000	5,335	5,800
3509 Other	300	650	300
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</u>			
3916 Trust Funds	50	50	75
3915 From Capital Reserve			7,500
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
3934 Long Term Bonds & Notes	40,000	40,000	0
Amounts Voted From F/B ("Surplus")	51,945	52,417	0
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	100,000	100,000	100,000
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	\$659,058	\$711,285	\$1,230,081

TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 14 & MARCH 15, 2006

The Annual Town Meeting (Elections) was called to order by Peter Heed, Moderator, on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 11:00 am with the readings of Articles One and Two of the Town Warrant and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Westmoreland School during the Annual Town Meeting after a recess. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 by Peter Heed, Moderator.

After a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of a very dear friend and well-respected member of our community, as well as our Selectman, Linn Starkey, Jr., better known to us as "Junior", the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Moderator Peter Heed then called the Westmoreland Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Westmoreland School on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, with the reading of the results of Articles One and Two.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

The results of balloting were as follows: Total ballots cast were 317 of the registered 1117 voters = 29%. "We had a write-in for a deceased person, a couple of write-ins for Bozo and even one for Fred Flintstone, but none of them won. The following are the winners and I so declare it," stated Moderator Peter Heed by the recorded results. These are noted with an * after the number of votes received.

For three years	Selectman	
	David R. Putnam	248*
	Misc.	30
For two years	Selectman	
	Michael Reed	143
	Wesley Staples	160*
	Misc.	4
For two years	Moderator	
	Peter W. Heed	297*
	Misc.	3
For one year	Town Clerk	
	Cindi H. Adler	297*
	Misc.	2

For one year	Treasurer JoAnn LaBarre	306*
For one year (2)	Briggs Fund Committee Susan Castor Tina Fletcher Misc.	4* 8* 25
For three years	Budget Committee Kelly O. Goodrich	271*
For six years	Supervisor of the Checklist Barbara Messer	297*
For three years (2)	Trustee of the Library Cynthia D. Cote Marjorie Merena	252* 244*
For three years	Trustee of Trust Funds Patrick N. Baker	269*
For two years	Trustee of Trust Funds Thomas S. Bates	277*
For three years	Cemetery Trustee Robert W. Moore, Jr. Misc.	271* 5
For one year	Tax Collector Cindi H. Adler Misc.	295* 3
For two years	Auditor Thomas Bates Kathryn DeFreitas Misc. Tie on Write-ins, though not enough – No winner declared	4 4 13
For one year	Auditor Lloyd Draper Mike Reed Misc. Tie on Write-ins, though not enough – No winner declared	2 2 7

For one year	Overseer of Public Welfare	
	Elaine M. Moore	250*
	Misc.	10

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the FIRM Flood Insurance Rates as proposed by the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Westmoreland’s Zoning Ordinance, Section 452 as follows: Incorporates the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study for Cheshire County, NH dated May 23, 2006 into the Ordinance, along with associated editorial revisions, in order to maintain the town’s eligibility to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and preserve the availability of reasonably priced flood insurance to Westmoreland property owners.
(The Board of Selectmen Recommend This Article)

YES - 274*	NO - 16
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Moderator Peter Heed then read aloud the remainder of the Articles to be considered at this Town Meeting before addressing them individually.

Article 3: To hear the reports of Agents and take any action relative thereto.

Article moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. No discussion.

Article 3 voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to upgrade 1800’ from class VI to class V of the Thompson Road, the cost of this project will be partially funded by reimbursement of 80% from the State of New Hampshire; and to authorize the issuance of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.
(The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee Recommends this article)
2/3 vote required

Article Four moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. Tina Fletcher spoke to the Article encouraging the voters to vote “No” to this Article. She stated that she hoped everyone had had a chance to look at the paper they had handed out as they came through the door tonight showing the comparisons of costs:

<u>Cost of road extension</u>	<u>Cost of Bridge replacement</u>
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150,000 less 80%	30,000	475,000 less 80%	95,000
Removal of Bridge	10,000	Removal of Bridge	included
Cost of temporary road	N/A	Cost of temporary road	20,000
Extension maintenance	60 yrs	bridge maintenance	60 yrs
96,136 (160,000 at 3% inflation)		Virtually no maintenance	
Total	136,136	Total	115,000

She went on to say that financially it is in the Town's best interest to replace the bridge and that the townspeople should encourage the Selectmen to have a special meeting. Marshall Gordon then spoke to the Article stating that "short term solutions to long term problems do not work". He stated that Thompson Road at the present time is fragile, narrow, etc. and the urged the townspeople to consider the impact on the environmental issues as well as the long term impact as well as the flooding issues and urged the voters to vote "No" to this Article. Debbie Moore then spoke to the Article raising questions as to the Town's trucks having to turn around at the end of the road if extended as well as delivery trucks, etc., and also as to where the road would actually end with respect to their driveway which would be the last house if extended Thompson Road. David Putnam then stated that the slope will be less than grade to Makinen Road. Debbie then asked how they intended to plow Makinen Road with the turn around figured. Gary Hudson stated that they intended to put a driveway in from Thompson Road to the Moore's house. David added that it would be "right in the intersection in the short triangle part". Debbie then asked what would happen to their property taxes—would they go down? No answer was given. Tom Hanna then stated he did not understand the purpose of the Article to which David Putnam replied stating that in January he got a call that the Bridge twisted in all the flooding. The wing wall has a 3" crack that goes from top to bottom. The Budget process was already underway by January so since something needs to be done so this was the way to get it underway. We thought the \$100,000 cost of the extension of the Thompson Road was the best option. We just got the quote of \$475,000 to fix the Bridge in 3 weeks ago. We felt this was fiscally the right way to go. If you turn down Article 4 tonight, we will need a Special Town Meeting for consideration of the Bridge. Jason Madden then stated that he has a lot of respect for the Selectmen and the ones working on this issue but recommends that the townspeople vote "No" to this Article. Bob Moore stated that his understanding is that the Town cannot get funding on this bridge until 2011. David Putnam stated that after talking to the State they find they consider it part of the flooding issues and can address it as such. Ian Hurley spoke to the issue asked if the quote took into of if they anticipate any further cost for upgrading the present road. David stated that that issue would probably be addressed down the road. He is aware that it is not in the best of shape. Ian stated that people on the road are having to park at the bottom of the road now and that it is impassable by car now and Eliot Thompson has been having to pull people out of the mud with his tractor. The Selectmen would have to bring the present road up rather rapidly with possible fabric and culverts before extending it. David stated he understands that in the future there would be some additional costs. Scott Leslie asked if the Selectmen had considered going through and extending Capron Road instead. The Planning board had said it was a 8% grade. Scott strongly urged the townspeople to vote "No" to extension of Thompson Road. Gary Dermott spoke stating that he cannot speak

to the emotional part of this article, but fast forwarding 60 years, at the end of 60 years are we looking to replacing this bridge again? Veronica Bouley urged the Town to vote "No" on this Article. She stated that it is poor planning and she would lose trees and coverage by eminent domain if it goes through. Tina Fletcher asked if the Moore's driveway was figured into the \$100,000. It was stated that every bridge is needed. Barry Shonbeck, a member of the Planning Board stated that when the opening of Capron Road was brought up by a landowner to the Board, it was stated that it was very steep, there are streams involved and exposed ledge. He stated that creating another dirt road, in his mind, doesn't make sense. It is too expensive for a developer to change Capron Road, but the Town should be able to? Arnold Makinen asked if the \$100,000 had included blasting. He stated that he felt not all costs were figured – we need to get the water situation set. He urged the Townspeople to vote "No". Tom Hanna stated that he had no recommendation either way and that he doesn't envy the Selectmen, but allowing a possible six more houses area by opening the road is strong for the Town. Art Geiss asked if the Selectmen had made any contact with FEMA. He stated that he had asked FEMA about applying to FEMA at this point and time, they couldn't say yes and they couldn't say no. They said we should apply.

Call for vote was at 7:44 pm. Polls closed and ballots counted at 8:06 pm.

Results from a total of 143 paper ballots cast was: YES: 24 NO: 119

Article 4 DEFEATED by Paper Ballot Vote.

Meeting resumed at 8:15 pm.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to repair the Bessie Pierce Bridge, bridge number 102088; and to authorize the issuance of not more than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends this Article)

2/3 vote required

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. David spoke to the Article stating for those who did not know where Bessie Pierce Bridge that it is the bridge off Partridge Brook Road which goes to one house. It needs new irons under it. The amount asked for of \$40,000 is to take the deck off, lay new irons and put the deck back on. Moderator Peter Heed stated that in his boating adventures, it is scary looking up under that bridge. No discussion.

Call for vote at 8:17 pm. Polls closed and ballots counted at 8:30pm

Results from a total of paper ballots cast was: YES: 109 NO: 18

Article 5 voted in the Affirmative by Paper Ballot Vote.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article.)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. David spoke to the Article stating that basically these are things we've funded right along for future purchases of equipment (graders, loaders, trucks, etc.)

Article 6 voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the existing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this article.)

Motion to move Article by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. David Putnam spoke to the Article stating, "There again, we're bridge poor. We have 5 on the "red list" and we're asking for another \$10,000." Barry Shonbeck asked if the "5" David spoke of included the 2 previous bridges we discussed. Gary Hudson, the Road Agent stated these "5" stated by David did not include the previous 2 discussed. He went on to state that the Hatt Road Bridge will be fixed with FEMA monies.

Article 7 voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$7,540.00) for the purchase and installation of a fence at the Town Shop. This fence will be laced across the front of the property line.

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. Gary Hudson, Road Agent, spoke to the Article stating it was put in so that we can keep people and cars away from the Fuel Pump. The EPA states no vehicles shall be permitted and to keep vandalism and there is a Liability Factor. Leona Gordon asked if there had been any problems in the past. Gary stated none he knows of. He went on to say that sand would still be available, but outside the fence. Barbara Glover asked how many estimates were sought. Gary stated just one so far but he will request more. John Lukin asked if the price included the gate. Gary said this one did. Bruce Clement stated he presumed the Article should read "This fence will be placed.." not "This fence will be laced..." David Putnam then stated that the Selectmen recommend voting against this Article because of the Defeat of Article 4 and what will become of the Special Meeting in regard to that issue.

Article 8 DEFEATED by Voice Vote.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$5,100.00) to purchase guardrails to be placed on five hundred feet of Poocham Road.

Motion to move made by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. David spoke to the Article stating that last year we replaced guardrail on River Road – Atherton Hill. Again, we recommend defeating this Article due to the defeat of Article 4. Don Hall asked if this was new or used guardrail to be used. Gary stated that this is used guardrail. JoAnn stated that if there is a safety issue we should still vote for this Article. Gary stated that it could be put off for a year or two—that the safety issue has not worsened. Mame Odette asked where on Poocham this guardrail is to go. David stated that it was to go just below the Little Red School House.

Article 9 DEFEATED by Voice Vote.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,250.00) to put a new roof on the Corner School Building on River Road in Westmoreland. Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) will be paid by the Westmoreland Historical Society and the remaining balance of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$4,750.00) will be raised by taxes.

Motion to move by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. David spoke to the Article stating that this is the Little Red School House. The Town owns the building but the Historical Society owns the contents. This Article is proposed to preserve our interest and our history. No discussion.

Article 10 voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this article.)

Motion to move Article by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. David spoke to the Article stating that it is asked in the same respect as the other Articles. There is \$20,625.21 in the fund now and we're asking for another \$5000 to be put in. No discussion.

Article 11 voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to dissolve the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to be placed in the general fund. (The Board of Selectmen Recommend this article.)

David Putnam made motion to move this Article and Elaine Moore seconded. David spoke to the Article stating that for years we have battled with the State in the closing of the landfill, but the laws have changed and Jack Laurent was pretty instrumental in getting the bill passed that saved us a lot of money. As long as the water tests continue to come back clean as they have lately, we are all set, so we recommend putting this into the General Fund and dissolving this Fund. Leona Gordon asked if the money goes into the General Fund, can we get it back sometime if we need to? David answered with a yes, but stated, "We are hoping to use it in Article 13".

Article 12 voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to establish a Municipal Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund for the future purchase of land for the Town of Westmoreland, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Twenty Three Cents (\$51,945.00) to be placed in this account. With said funds to come from the general fund. (The amount of \$51,945 is from the closure of the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund which was dissolved in warrant article 12 which said amount placed in the general fund.
(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend the article.)

This was read to be a total of \$51,945.23 by Moderator, Peter Heed. The motion was moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. David spoke to the Article stating in reading our Master Plan, there was a section overlooked and that was for new development. For the Post Office, Highway Department, Cemeteries, Police or Fire Departments there is no monies available conducive to use of the Town. Jeannie Sy asked if the Selectmen are then going into look for areas in town for Municipal Building sites. David stated that is what this money would be used for. Bruce Clement stated that he thinks this is a good idea and forward thinking. He also urged the Selectmen to use "Sooner than Later" thinking as we all know land is getting more and more expensive. Karl Shonbeck asked if this is for Municipal only, not Conservation use. David stated yes, for Municipal use only.

Article 13 voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote an increase for the Elderly Exemption Tax Credit from Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for a person 80 years of age and older.

Motion to move Article by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. Elaine spoke to the Article stating that per RSA 34, we can increase these so we decided to

increase up to \$5,000. We need to be helping our elderly. Barry Shonbeck stated that he is all for helping ones in need but asked why this exemption / Article is just for the elderly. Elaine said she didn't know. All she could do was state RSA. David stated that there is an income requirement that goes with this Article.

Article 14 voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Article 15: To see what disposition the town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund. The Funds are included in the proposed operating budget.

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by John L. ukin. Bruce Clement moved that the funds of \$49.64 go to support the Town Library which was seconded by Ellen Clement. No discussion.

Article 15 Voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to sell a parcel of land located on Glebe Road, being .07 acres identified as Tax Map 5, Lot 18 to Douglas L. Kendall for the sum of \$500.00, subject to the restriction that it shall not be a separate lot of record but shall be merged with his abutting land. (PETITION ARTICLE)

Article moved by Dianna Madden and seconded by June Hammond. Moderator Peter Heed then read a letter from Bradley Law. He spoke to the Article as reading the letter: The letter which was written February 2, 2006 and received by the Selectmen's Office February 3, 2006, reads as follows:

Board of Selectmen

Town of Westmoreland

P.O. Box 55

Westmoreland, New Hampshire 03467

Re: Petitioned article concerning Tax Map 5, Lot 18 on Glebe Road

Dear Elaine and David:

If the petitioned article is signed by 25 or more registered voters, you are required to insert the petitioned article in the warrant for the 2006 town meeting. (RSA 39:3).

Just because the article is on the warrant doesn't mean the voters should adopt it; and even if the voters adopt it, it may not be legally binding upon the Selectmen. It is my understanding that the land in question does not belong to the Town. Therefore, the voters should reject the article. Even if the voters adopt the article, I will advise you as Selectmen not to comply. It would be impoer, in my opinion, for the Town/Selectmen to give deed to a property you know the Town does not own.

If the Town acquires that parcel of land at some time in the future by tax deed, you can't agree to sell it to Mr. Kendall for \$500.00. With respect to land acquired by tax deed, you are required to comply with RSA 80:42 which provides that land acquired by tax deed must be sold at either a public auction or by advertising and sealed bids.

Very truly yours,

Homer S. Bradley, Jr.

P.S. I don't believe the land in Westmoreland can be merged with the land in Chesterfield pursuant to RSA 674:39-a. However, if the procedures set out in RSA 674:53 are followed, the landowner can treat land on both sides of a municipal boundary as one lot for the purpose of access and development.

Douglas Kendall stated that this is the first he's heard about this letter and the illegality of his petition. Tom Hanna stated that the sophisticated term of this property and others like it is "No Man's Land". Neil Van Zile asked of Mr. Kendall why he wants such a small parcel anyway. Mr. Kendall stated that it was to use for a driveway to get onto his land in Chesterfield. Bruce Clement asked if Mr. Kendall would like to withdraw his petition and the Moderator stated that it was up to Mr. Kendall. Mr. Kendall declined and wished to have it voted on anyway.

Article 16 DEFEATED by Voice Vote.

Article 17: To see whether you are in favor of the permanent preservation of the County owned land, especially the land between River Road and the Connecticut River, for the purposes of agriculture, forestry and recreation.
(PETITION ARTICLE)

Motion to move by Bruce Clement and seconded by Leigh Marthe. Moderator Peter Heed stated this is more in line of a Resolution. John Lukin spoke to the Article stating that this is a fairly new Open Space Committee for the Preservation of Farm Land. The objective is to let the County Commissioners know that we wish to keep it preserved and that we want a voice in the future for its disposition. Leigh Marthe asked to make a "Friendly Amendment" to take out the part, "...especially the land between River Road and the Connecticut River" as she thinks it weakens the Article. This Amendment was moved by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Georgianna Hamilton. Bruce Clement stated the reason for putting that phrase in was to keep the River Front and as a member of the Committee that put this petitioned article in, he urged the townspeople to vote down the Friendly Amendment and keep it in its original form. Friendly Amendment was then Defeated by Voice Vote.

Article 17 Voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote in its Original Form.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to close Partridge Brook Road to through trucks in excess of 12,000 lbs. (Agricultural and Emergency Service vehicles exempt) (PETITION ARTICLE)

Motion moved by Dick Cate and seconded by Joyce Cate. Dick Cate spoke to the Article stating that this is a residential road. There is no police force and this is a narrow and winding road through a residential area. It is a popular route for walkers, runners and cyclists. There is erosion in areas and the fill has killed the vegetation and it continues to erode still. The brook is protected with the Protective Water Act. There are heavy dump trucks from the Gravel Pit speeding—the 35mph speed limit is not enforced. There are many delivery trucks en route to the County Complex. The Highway Department posted "Children Playing" signs but there have been no changes. Partridge Brook Road is in a

strategic location out of the center of Town and we want the construction vehicles kept off. David Putnam stated that he lives on that road too and if he wished to do some major construction to his property, how would he be able to if this Article were to pass. Helen Draper asked how it would effect the school busses. Barry Shonbeck asked why the dump trucks from the Gravel Pit were going up that road anyway. Bob Mitchell asked if the town gets reimbursement from the pit. One Saturday he counted 57 dump trucks and semis. The law states that you cannot restrict business if it has been using this road for operation of their business for years. JoAnn LaBarre was asked how much the Town receives in revenue from the Gravel Pit hauling. She stated it is 2c/yard, but the State is looking to increasing that rate. Madeline Ullrich asked since they have an exemption granted to the emergency vehicles, why they can't have an exemption for the school busses. Wesley Staples stated that they have been trucking for 40 years It is a public road and therefore it can be used for trucking from the Westmoreland side of the gravel pit. They are going to take the shortest route since it is a lot easier and uses less fuel. Bruce Clement said it seems to be a public safety issue. People need to slow down and the Constable should make periodic patrols. There needs to be some sort of compromise on this with the Selectmen and the people on this road. Tim Thompson stated that since the County Complex creates much of the traffic, if we allow the jail in this Town, the County should be paying toward our roads and their upkeep. JoAnn stated that we seem to be so worried about setting precedence, maybe we should take the fence that we were going to put around the highway garage and put it around the whole town.

Article 18 was DEFEATED by Hand Vote: YES: 41 NO: 74

Article 19: To allow the Town of Westmoreland to consider at Town Meeting whether to upgrade a portion of Hunt Road from Class VI to Class V.
(PETITION ARTICLE) (The upgrade would run from the end of the current class VI portion of Hunt Road to the end of the E.P. Dewey property. E.P. Dewey will be financially responsible for the upgrade.)

Moderator Peter Heed stated that the Originator of Article 19 Withdrew her Petition, thus we will not consider it, but move on to Article 20.

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$849,588) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles.

Motion to move by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore. David stated that this amount is not affected by the Articles that were previously turned down.

Amendment made by David Putnam to increase the operating budget amount by \$16,981 which has already been spent to fix a part of Great Meadow Ferry Road where a huge chunk of land slid off and changed the direction of the brook and left a rather large hole in the side of the road. Amendment seconded by Elaine Moore.

Barry Shonbeck stated that earlier in the year when the Hazardous Waste Disposition Article was in the paper he noted that Westmoreland was not listed. Barry Shonbeck made motion to join again and add that amount to the Operating Budget under Sanitation, Waste and Recycling. Moderator Peter Heed stated that one needs to add a specific amount in order to make the Amendment. JoAnn LaBarre stated that the Selectmen had discontinued this service and the last time she looked into it to get us back on the scheduling we would need to be in 4 collections and it was around \$2000. Barry Shonbeck stated that it was much needed and presented a hardship to our elderly and others and will cause illegal dumping of hazardous waste. Gwen Mitchell stated that she agreed and this issue really needs to be looked into. Barry withdrew the Amendment.

Question arose what the difference between the recommended Budget Committee's Budget and the Selectmen's Budget was as the totals are different. David Putnam stated that there is no difference. There was a typo by whoever typed the report. The Budget amount of \$849,588 is correct. Elaine Moore stated that the assessing agent we had a contract with was let go, so that is the difference in the Assessing amount this year. The new company is \$13,000 which is down from \$21,000. Avitar was so big that there is not enough people to go around each town. The company we hired is just one individual who can do it all. There will be an increase when we do a new revaluation, but not as much, she went on to say that Property owners are to be notified when the Assessor will be in town and around their property.

Amended Article in the amount of not \$866,569 was voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Article 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

June Hammond spoke to this Article stating that she believes Linn Starkey, Jr., known to all as "Junior" is standing in the meeting room at the Town Hall and she would like see if the Town will vote or approve the meeting room to have a plaque erected above the door to stating the room be named as The Linn Starkey, Jr. "Junior" Room. She stated this would be so fitting for this gentleman, who was quite a giant in a mild way, to have this room named in memory of Linn Starkey, Jr., known as "Junior". Moderator Peter Heed asked if this was to get the sense of the Town as it would have be put forth as a Resolution. June Hammond agreed and asked that the Selectmen consider this and look into it further.

Masie Crowler, the Librarian asked that recognition be given in admiration for the devotion of heart and soul and work Sue West has given as Trustee of the Library for the past 15 years. She has recently retired this position. A round of applause was given in her recognition.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 pm was made by David Putnam and seconded by Barbara Messer. Voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Adjournment voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Unapproved Minutes

**Cindi H. Adler
Westmoreland Town Clerk**

INVENTORY VALUATION – 2006

Residential Land	55,715,700
Residential Buildings	119,037,000
Current Use Land	3,025,127
Commercial Land	7,945,100
Commercial Buildings	9,944,400
Manufactured Buildings	530,200
Public Utilities	3,305,000
NET VALUE PRIOR TO EMEMPTIONS	119,502,527
Exemptions to Value	100,000
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION ON TAX RATE	\$ 199,402,527

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall – Land and Buildings	519,600
Town Hall – Furniture and Equipment	30,000
Library - Land and Buildings	326,300
Library - Contents	387,240
Police Department Equipment	3,000
Fire Department – Land and Building	82,600
Fire Department – Contents	100,000
Highway Department – Land and Building	166,000
Highway Department – Contents	51,500
Parks, Common and Playgrounds	175,600
School – Land and Buildings	181,300
School Equipment	210,000
Historical Land, Buildings and Contents	155,900
Transfer Station – Land and Buildings	143,900
Misc. Land (11 properties)	262,400
TOTAL	\$ 2,795,340

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive	\$32,998
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	20,709
Financial Administration	37,060
Legal Expense	6,000
Personnel Administration	51,082
Planning & Zoning	4,680
General Government Building	16,915
Cemeteries	6,000
Insurance	12,320
Police	7,450
Ambulance	12,000
Fire & Rescue	22,700
Building Inspector	4,000
Emergency Management	1,000
Highways & Streets	439,148
Street Lighting	2,300
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	92,480
Animal Control	100
Health Officer	100
Welfare - Direct Assistance	3,000
Welfare Officer	130
Health Agencies	4,700
Parks & Recreation	4,375
Library	25,500
Patriotic Purposes	300
Conservation Commission	425
Loader/Backhoe	30,800
Interest on TAN & Long Term	5,217
Highway Truck	20,000
Corner School House Roof	5,250
Bessie Pierce Bridge	40,000
Conservation Fund Transfer	3,080
Capital Reserve Funds	81,945
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN	\$993,764
Less Revenues	659,058
Less Shared Revenue	6,464
Add-War Service Credits	7,400
Add -Overlay	<u>29,282</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	364,924
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX	1,470,529
STATE EDUCATION TAX	410,970
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT	<u>316,936</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY	\$2,563,359
Less-War Service Credits	<u>7,400</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$2,555,959
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$2,482,929
Less-ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	601,430
Less-STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>410,970</u>
	\$1,470,529

2006 Tax Rate	School - Local	\$7.37
	School - State	\$2.10
	County	\$1.59
	Town	<u>\$1.83</u>
		\$12.89

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account Balance - January 1, 2006	\$89,799.46
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Activity:

plus receipts	4,433,316.98
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less payments	4,447,197.01
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plus investment cash flow	<u>261,000.00</u>
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Balance December 31, 2006:	\$336,919.43
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Investment Account Balance - January 1, 2006	1,037,885.10
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plus transfers in	962,162.83
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less transfers out	1,211,040.00
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Balance December 31, 2006:	\$789,007.93
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Distribution of Cash-on-Hand General Fund Accounts:

TDBanknorth Checking	\$336,919.43
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TDBanknorth Investment Account	\$788,229.53
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MBIA Investment Account	<u>\$778.40</u>
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Total Cash-on-Hand 12/31/06	\$1,125,927.36
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2006

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes - Current Year	2,500,298.61
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Tax Leins Redeemed	43,759.62
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Taxes Sold to Town	42,768.00
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Land Use Change Tax	6,567.00
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Yield (Timber) Tax	31,084.41
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Excavation Tax	5,541.42
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Tax Interest & Penalties	6,012.38
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Tax Interest & Costs - Redemptions	<u>3,889.61</u>	\$2,639,921.05
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From Licenses & Permits:

Motor Vehicle Permits	259,803.00
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Motor Vehicle Application File Fee	848.00
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U.C.C. Fees	630.00
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Dog Licenses & Fines	2,751.00
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Building Permits	3,193.36
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Planning & Zoning Hearings	1,507.00
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Marriage Licenses	180.00
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Vital Statistics Requests	225.00
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Pistol Permits	180.00	
Junk Yard Fee	25.00	
Non-Sufficient-Fund Fees	350.00	
Candidacy Filing Fees	<u>16.00</u>	\$269,708.36
From State Sources:		
Shared Revenue	17,819.00	
Rooms & Meals Distribution	72,181.50	
Highway Block Grant	71,872.83	
Forest Land Reimbursement	19.15	
Floods	<u>82,372.78</u>	\$244,265.26
From Federal Sources:	FEMA - Floods	\$158,860.26
From Other Governments:	Misc.	\$3,698.05
From Charges for Services:		
Fire Department	621.92	
School Mowing	3233.32	
Historical Society	500.00	
Misc.	<u>1,000.00</u>	\$5,355.24
From Interest - Checking Account		\$4,557.10
From Rent of Property:		
Post Office Rent	4,200.06	
Town Hall Rent	<u>1,135.00</u>	\$5,335.06
From Other Local Sources:		
Copies & Postage	233.40	
Misc.	<u>416.96</u>	\$650.36
Transfer from Trust Fund - Jotham Lord	49.64	
Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds	<u>60,916.60</u>	\$60,966.24
From Other Financial Sources:		
Proceeds from Long Term Note	40,000.00	
Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	\$1,040,000.00
GRAND TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS		\$4,433,316.98

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2006

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:

Secretary	13,198.92	
Selectmen	4,125.00	
Moderator	75.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	150.00	
Printing	1,900.51	
Dues	1,204.86	
Notices	861.34	
Equipment Agreements	368.00	
Software Agreements	1,669.99	
Supplies	997.69	
Postage & PO Fees	280.55	
Equipment	653.95	
Jotham Lord Fund	49.64	
Other	<u>355.90</u>	\$25,891.35

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk	4,653.80	
Town Clerk Fees	9,650.00	
Deputy Town Clerk Fees	607.50	
Election Fees	200.00	
Supervisors of Checklist Fees	250.00	
Ballot Clerk Fees	300.00	
Town Clerk Telephone	1,006.49	
Printing	127.00	
Notices	425.34	
Equipment Agreements	368.00	
Election Day Dinners	180.00	
Town Clerk Supplies	250.25	
Postage	631.20	
Town Clerk Publications	250.00	
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	972.42	
Vital Statistics	90.00	
Town Clerk Workshops	<u>121.98</u>	\$20,083.98

4150 Financial Administration:

Tax Collector	5,481.14	
Tax Collector Fees	1,014.00	
Auditor Salary	300.00	
Treasurer	7,756.30	
Property Assessing	19,955.00	

Bank Charges	328.55	
Recording Fees	144.15	
Printing	105.00	
Dues	45.00	
Tax Collector Supplies	267.18	
Treasurer Supplies	455.71	
Postage	<u>1,005.29</u>	\$36,857.32
4153 Legal Expenses		\$4,506.39
4155 Personnel Administration		
Health Insurance	30,643.80	
Dental Insurance	1,517.41	
FICA	11,706.82	
Medicare	2,737.93	
Retirement	7,239.02	\$53,844.98
4191 Planning & Zoning:		
Clerk Fees	725.00	
Maps	85.00	
Printing	153.50	
SWRPC Membership Dues	1,959.00	
Notices	416.49	
Supplies	39.25	
Postage	<u>731.59</u>	\$4,109.83
4194 General Government Buildings:		
Custodian	4,200.04	
Telephone	2,056.93	
Internet Service	527.40	
Electricity	1,141.72	
Heating Fuel	3,138.71	
Propane	58.16	
Repairs & Maintenance	337.47	
Supplies	68.44	
Mowing	815.00	
Other	<u>150.00</u>	\$12,493.87
4195 Cemeteries		\$6,000.00
4196 Insurance Not Allocated/Dept		
Worker's Compensation	6,709.16	
Property Insurance	1,868.00	
Liability Insurance	<u>3,488.04</u>	\$12,065.20

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police Department:

Constable Salary	6,000.00	
E&O Insurance	<u>794.84</u>	\$6,794.84

4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service		\$16,747.20
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4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:

Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00	
Telephones/Internet	999.47	
Training	1,060.00	
Electricity	740.39	
Heating Fuel	3,400.87	
E&O Insurance	387.09	
Life Insurance	170.00	
Vehicle Insurance	2,093.04	
Dues	150.00	
Office Supplies	54.98	
Building Repair & Maintenance	86.18	
Radio Repair	255.64	
Flow Testing	865.00	
Vehicle Fuel	621.92	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	5,928.76	
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	220.00	
Equipment	3,673.54	
Equipment - Radios	<u>834.00</u>	\$22,540.88

4240 Building Inspection:

Building Inspector Salary		\$3,193.36
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4290 Emergency Management:

Misc.		\$389.45
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HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311 Highway Administration:

Permanent Wages		\$106,298.89
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4312 Highways & Streets:

Uniforms	1,588.10	
Telephone	527.43	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	168.00	
Electricity	940.11	
Hired Equipment	10,223.44	

Vehicle Insurance	2,802.04	
Building Repair & Maintenance	1,180.12	
Paving- Asphalt	140,513.16	
Paving- Shimming	14,294.77	
Salt & Chloride	34,716.45	
Sand & Gravel	39,812.09	
Vehicle Fuel & Oil	25,663.79	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	29,977.04	
Cutting Edges	3,101.58	
Tires	5,123.40	
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	105.00	
Culverts	6,458.16	
Signs	1,181.17	
Other	<u>255.29</u>	\$318,631.14

4316 Street Lighting		\$2,467.48
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SANITATION

4324 Solid Waste Disposal:

Recycling Employee	4,009.00	
Telephone	318.65	
Disposal Service	70,060.98	
Electricity	387.40	
Building Repairs	1,988.30	
Other	<u>295.00</u>	\$77,059.33

HEALTH

4411 Health Officer Salary		\$100.00
4415 Health Agencies		\$4,700.00

WELFARE

4441 Welfare Officer Salary		\$100.00
4442 Direct Assistance		\$805.89

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520 Park & Recreation:

Mowing		\$4,375.00
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4550 Library:

Library Salaries	17,468.07	
Appropriation	<u>8,031.93</u>	\$25,500.00

4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags		\$192.50
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CONSERVATION**4611 Conservation:**

Dues	350.00	
Other	<u>180.00</u>	\$530.00

DEBT SERVICE

4711 Loader/Backhoe		\$30,799.61
4711 Highway Truck		\$19,979.06
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans		\$1,226.68
4723 Short Term Interest on TAN		\$12,277.77

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4903 Buildings - Corner School House Roof		\$5,250.00
4909 Other - Bessie Pierce Bridge		\$40,000.00

INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT**Transfer to Special Revenue Account**

4912 Conservation Fund		\$3,283.50
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4915 Transfer to Capital Reserve Accounts

Bridge Reconstruction		\$10,000.00
Fire Equipment		\$5,000.00
Highway Equipment		\$15,000.00
Municipal Land Purchase		\$51,945.23

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES		\$961,040.73
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OTHER EXPENSES

Refund of Taxes	5,545.09	
County Taxes	318,605.00	
Overpayment of Property Tax	18,150.05	
Overpayment of Motor Vehicle	84.00	
School District	2,068,423.00	
Short Term Principal (TAN)	1,000,000.00	
Taxes Bought By Town	46,116.31	
Accounts Payable - FEMA	12,871.93	
Capital Reserve - Sweeper	8,500.00	
Reserved from 2005:		
Revaluation	5,260.90	
Town Hall Repair	2,600.00	

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES		\$3,486,156.28
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GRAND TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS		\$4,447,197.01
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STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (MBIA)

Balance - January 1, 2006	\$743.14
Plus Deposits in 2006	\$0.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2006	\$35.26
Less Withdrawals in 2006	\$0.00
Balance - December 31, 2006	\$778.40

TDBanknorth Investment Account

Balance - January 1, 2006	\$1,037,141.96
Plus Deposits in 2006	\$950,000.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2006	\$12,127.57
Less Withdrawals in 2006	\$1,211,000.00
Less Service Charges in 2006	\$40.00
Balance - December 31, 2006	\$788,229.53

Conservation Commission Account

Balance - January 1, 2006	17,283.82
Plus Deposits in 2006	3,283.50
Plus Interest Earned in 2006	877.46
Less Withdrawals in 2006	<u>0.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2006	\$21,444.78

LOANS OUTSTANDING

Bessie Pierce Bridge - Connecticut River Bank

Date of Loan - 12/15/06

Maturity of Loan - 12/31/08

Amount of Loan - \$40,000

Rate of Loan - 4.45%

Payment per year - \$20,000 plus interest

Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/06) - \$40,000

Jo Ann LaBare
Treasurer

AUDITORS REPORT - 2005

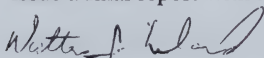
This to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustees and Library Trustees for the year 2005. We find them to be correct and properly vouched. Additional findings and recommendations are on file with the selectmen.

Michael K. Reed
Susan I. Reed

Auditors

AUDITORS REPORT - 2006

This is to certify that I have examined and started to audit accounts of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Trustees of the Trust Funds, theses items are complete and accepted as correct: Cemetery, Library, and Vehicle Registration documents. Items in progress are the General Ledger. When all items are complete I will issue a final report with my recommendations.



Walter J. Niland

Auditor

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
WESTMORELAND, NH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006**

Motor Vehicle Registrations – 2490	\$260307.00
Overpayments	84.00
Title Application Fees	848.00
Dog Licenses 340 Tag	2,127.00
9 Group	225.00
Vital Statistic Research/Request	180.00
Marriage License – 5	225.00
Candidacy Filings – 9	16.00
UCC and Other Filings	600.00
Bank Return Fees	245.00
TOTAL COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK	\$264,857.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Accounts—Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year	2006	2005	2004	Prior
Property Taxes		181486.35		
Land Use Change		7290.00		
Yield Taxes		599.93	378.03	1182.65
Taxes Committed This Year				
Property Taxes	2555997.00			
Land Use Change	3800.00			
Yield Taxes	16930.28	11993.52		
Excavation Tax	5541.42			
Overpayments				
Property Taxes	18148.00			
Interest – Late Taxes	120.95	5890.93		
TOTAL DEBITS	2600537.65	270260.73	378.03	1182.65

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year				
Property Taxes	2365421.75	134876.86		
Land Use Change	3800.00	2767.00		
Yield Taxes	16930.28	12593.45	378.03	1182.65
Interest	120.95	5890.93		
Excavation Taxes	5541.42			
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		42768.00		
Abatements Made				
Property Taxes	882.00	3841.49		
Land Use Change		4523.00		
Uncollected Taxes – End of Year				
Property Taxes	207841.25			
TOTAL CREDITS	2600537.65	270260.73	378.03	1182.65

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2005	2004	Prior Levies 2003	Prior
Unredeemed Liens at Beg of Fiscal Year		44169.03	27700.04	18499.72
Liens Executed During Year	46116.31			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1252.98	893.49	390.06	1355.08
TOTAL DEBITS	47369.29	45062.52	28090.10	19854.80

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:

Redemptions:	15771.95	8458.33	8316.58	11212.75
Interest and Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1252.98	893.49	390.06	1355.08
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	30344.36	35710.70	19383.46	7286.97
TOTAL CREDITS	47369.29	45062.52	28090.10	19854.80

WESTMORELAND BUILDING INSPECTOR

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Permits issued for the year ending December 31, 2006

Additions:	8
Barns:	5
Commercial	1
Decks	3
One Family Dwelling	4
Remodel	4
Sheds	3

Respectfully submitted
Larry Muchmore

WESTMORELAND CEMETERY TRUSTEE

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There were four cemetery lots sold in 2006. Lots are available for sale in the East and South Village cemeteries. The North & Gline cemeteries have a limited number of lots left.

For the mutual protection, respect and benefit of all lot owners, there are restrictions on decorations, enclosures, plants and shrubbery. By-Laws are available from the Cemetery Trustees.

Cemetery Trustees: Don Hall, JoAnn LaBarre & Robert Moore, Jr.

2006 Financial Report Cemetery Trustees Savings Bank of Walpole Savings Account

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2006	\$11,356.78
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INCOME:

2006 Town Appropriation	\$6,000.00
Trust Fund Interest - 2005	\$2,604.23
Lot Sales	\$1,400.00
Interest	\$238.56

\$10,242.79

EXPENSES

Douglas J. Orr – mowing/clean-up	\$6,660.00
Canoe Meadow gate repair	\$74.99
Lot sold back to Town	\$50.00
Westmoreland Trustees of Trust of Trust Funds	\$700.00

\$7,484.99

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2006	\$14,114.58
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BRIGGS FUND

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In 1918, Oliver L Briggs left a \$1,000 bond to the Town of Westmoreland. Mr. Brigg's wish was for the interest in this fund to be used to purchase gifts for the children in our town so that no child would be without a gift for Christmas. In 1985, Vincent Bleeker left \$500 in trust for this fund. In 1991, Ruth Aldrich White deposited \$3,000 in the Ralph W. estates.

I was elected to carry out this tradition of purchasing gifts for the school children.

With the many organizations helping those in need, the Brigg's fund is somewhat outdated. I hope there is no child in our town this year who doesn't receive a gift at Christmas! However, it is a tradition I'm excited to keep alive each year. Its what makes our town special.

As you can imagine, the interest on these funds in recent years has been small. With a school population of approximately 160 students, a token gift is all that's possible. Therefore, in keeping with the wonderful school and town spirit we are fortunate to have, we have each child a magnet that says "Westmoreland Rocks!" I know we are proud to be Wesmoreland Students and/or residents and it's a small token for each child to remember the generosity of our townspeople from long ago. I used \$56 of the \$194 available this year (last year we didn't use any of the interest so the two years were added together). Hopefully this will help those in future years who are elected to carry on this tradition.

I enjoyed continuing this tradition that began so many years ago. It's a satisfying role to play in this community and I would like others to share in the experience. Please consider paying \$1.00 to put your name on the ballot this spring – you'll have my vote!

Resentfully Submitted,
Tina Fletcher

Planning Board Report 2006

The Westmoreland Planning Board holds regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Selectmen's office of the Town Hall and begin at 7:30 PM. These meetings are open to the public. If anyone has business to bring before the board, they should contact the board's secretary to be put on the agenda. Anything requiring a vote must be officially noticed which means that the secretary must receive the information 15 days prior to the meeting.

In 2006 there were 1 lot line adjustments approved, 1 lot line adjustment 1 merger, and 2 subdivisions approved. There were a number of informational meetings with people who wanted to know about processes for use of their land.

In addition, we reviewed and made recommendations for changing some of our ordinances to keep them in line with the changing times as well as the intent of the Master Plan. These you will find on the ballot for you to vote on.

The board experienced some losses this year with the passing of Linn Starkey, Jr and resignation of James Ashworth, both were valuable resources to the board.. Wesley Staples has continued on the board as the Selectmen's representative, and we have welcomed Jim Starkey, Bruce Smith and Nancy Zeller as new board members. Members are appointed by the Selectmen.

The board is looking for a new secretary, as Laurie's new job limits the time she has available. This would require attendance at the monthly meetings, notifying abutters, publishing notices of meetings, sending responses of board decisions to applicants, and filing of plans at the town office and registry of deeds. The time varies but averages about 10 hours a month for which a stipend is paid. If you are interested contact the selectman.

The purpose of the planning board is to guide the development of the town. This is carried out through use of the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinances and processes such as subdivision and site plan review. We would like to remind residents that the Zoning Ordinances and booklets listing the necessary steps and applicable ordinances for subdivision or site plan review are available in the Selectmen's office and are on the town's website. If a resident is planning any changes or construction on any land in town, a call to the Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector is the first place to start. This is the best way to find out if any necessary permits or processes are needed. If residents have suggestions for changes for the Zoning Ordinances we encourage you to submit them to the board for consideration.

Westmoreland Planning Board Members

Lauren Bressett, Chair
Laurie Burt, Secretary
Robert Harcke
Bruce Smith

James Starkey
Nancy Zeller
Walter Derjue, Alternate
Wesley Staples, Selectman

TRANSEER STATION

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Item Description # of Haul Total Tons Total Cost

Compactor	45	350	39280.05
Demo - 30yd	28	75.15	4794.34
Co-Mingle - 30yd	27	48.05	2700
Cardboard - 30yd	8	26.64	800
Paper - 30yd	4	45.35	400
Appliances - 30yd	2	3.31	0
Metal - 30yd	6	15.04	0
Total	120	563.54	47974.39

WESTMORELAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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The Highway Department along with the regular Highway maintenance, resurfaced approximately 9 miles of town roads, replaced culverts at eight locations in town, plus two driveways, fixed a rather server landslide on Great Meadow Ferry Road, and poured concrete to fill the scour under the Hatt Road Bridge abutment. Due to the early spring and late winter, we were also able to cut brush along some of the Roads.

The Department would like to thank Wilkes Construction and Tim Hatt for their help on the Hatt Road Bridge Project so we could open the Bridge to traffic after almost a year of closure. We would also like to thank the residents of Westmoreland for their continued support of the Highway Department.

Respectively submitted
Gary Hudson, Road Agent

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2006 calls for general police services have followed the typical pattern over the past few years. The majority of calls for service continue to revolve around animal complaints and motor vehicle related issues; including accidents, operation complaints, and general assistance (road hazards, break-downs, VIN checks, etc). Activity in these areas remained about the same as last year. Animal owners should make a conscious effort not to allow your animals to run astray or become a nuisance to your neighbors. Barking dogs should be kept inside the house or controlled in such a manner as to not become problematic with your neighbors. Targeted motor vehicle enforcement will continue, as I have found it helps in areas where motor vehicle violations are a consistent problem. Most traffic complaints are generated from the high traffic areas on routes 12 and 63, more so from cell phone callers passing through than town residents. Occasionally, there are complaints on residential roads as well. The complaints are mostly related to issues of speed. Be cautious in neighborhoods and on small windy roads. Drive courteously.

The numbers of major and violent crimes in town remained low this year. As done in the past, we continue to rely on State Police to handle the majority of motor vehicle accidents and major crimes.

The town constable position is part-time. This means that for the most part I work on an on-call / as-needed basis without regular hours. The Cheshire County Sheriff's Department handles the dispatch function for Westmoreland, and has the ability to contact me directly. The number is 355-2000. If you have any non-emergency need for police services, this is the number you should call. As always, if you have a bone fide emergency of any kind, you should immediately call 911. However, please keep in mind that the 911 system is reserved for emergencies only and accidental calls could distract Dispatchers, Police, Fire, and/or Ambulance personnel from true emergencies.

James Cemorelis
Town Constable

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Newsletter: In late October, 2006, the Westmoreland Public Library published its first newsletter, "Work From the Library." It was mailed to all residents, and another issue is planned for late February, in time for Town Meeting. The library is able to continue to publish bi-annual newsletters because of an unrestricted gift in memory of Benjamin Leech. With this generous gift, the library will be able to extend its programs to the public. **Programs:** Our regular programs this year included Book Group, Story Hour for pre-school children, and visits from the first and third graders in Westmoreland School. Our Summer Reading Program featured the statewide theme, "Treasure Reading." At our Annual Volunteer recognition Program, guest author, Sy Montgomery, spoke about her new book, "The Good Good Pig," to the delight of all who attended. **Volunteers** help in all kinds of ways: ground maintenance, gardening, shelving, filing cards, sorting, carrying, and managing books for our annual book sale and the ongoing book sale in the Town Hall, processing new acquisitions, entering data in the computer, advising on technical matters, participating in our summer program, bringing books to and visiting with Maplewood residents, and leading book discussions and children's story hours. To recognize all the magnificent work our volunteers do, the library is dedicating a book to each volunteer, chosen by the volunteer. Any patron may suggest new titles for the library to acquire. **Book Sales:** Our book sales this year accrued over \$800, including \$552.40 made at our Annual Book Sale in June. The Town Hall book table has been a very successful venture. **Statistics:** The library was open 153 days. There were 3014 patron visits. 4336 items were circulated, of which 349 were borrowed from our collection by visiting patrons, 2280 were from the adult collection, 1458 from the children's. 108 Large Print items were borrowed. 58% of all items were fiction, 25% nonfiction; 8% Audiovisual, 8% Periodicals; 1% other, including Music CDs and Puzzles. 37 new patrons registered. We replied to 23 adult reference and 10 children's questions. Our reading room was visited 194 times, and there were 60 patron uses of our computer. The library acquired 420 books, 28 videos, 23 audio books, 24 DVDs. We withdrew 238 books, and 30 audio materials. 94 notices were sent for overdue items; 46 books were repaired; 17 books were lost. 74 adult and 108 children participated in Story Hour; 29 adults and 33 children in Summer Reading Program; 229 adults and 329 children in all other programs, making a total of 802 participants in our 53 programs. Volunteers logged in 363 hours of their time spent on library projects. **Professional Growth:** The staff participated in the Annual Conference of the Children's Literacy Foundation in September. Guest speakers included the children's author Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. Panel discussions involved program development with community resources, and collection development, incorporating books in graphic or cartoon-like format. We received two CLIF grants, in 1998 and 2003, which augmented our children's collection. **Looking ahead: a. Equipment and Technology:** This coming year, we anticipate the need to replace our 6-year-old computers whose operation systems are no longer supported by Microsoft. We also plan to designate a third computer for patrons use. **b. Programs:** A writing group has been initiated on Thursday mornings in January, and it is hoped that additional programs of this nature will be offered in evenings later in the year. We also plan to schedule more author and illustrators talks. We will host Nubanusit Coop. librarians at the October meeting. **In Summary:** We thank all the wonderful volunteers and community support we have received this year, and we look forward to maintaining a variety of lively and current print and nonprint materials, upgrading and enhancing our technical services, and augmenting our programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Maisie Crowther, Librarian

Westmoreland Public Library
Statement of Activities
For the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2006

Cash Inflows	Operations	Memorial & Special	Building	Total
Town Appropriations	25,500.00			25,500.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	510.21			510.21
Jotham Lord Fund	49.64			49.64
Book Sales & Fundraising	854.76			854.76
Contributions	301.57		100.00	401.57
Interest	15.40		590.38	605.78
Other (copier, late fees)	72.09			72.09
Total Cash Inflows	27,303.67	0.00	690.38	27,994.05
Cash Outflows				
Payroll	17,468.07			17,468.07
Books/Periodicals	1,834.38	776.31		2,610.69
Supplies	545.89			545.89
Utilities (gas, electric, phone)	3,956.89			3,956.89
Postage & Box Rental	152.68	88.90		241.58
Computer Expenses	635.16			635.16
Equipment & Repairs	241.46			241.46
Mileage	201.14			201.14
Printing	60.54			60.54
Dues & Registration	50.00			50.00
Maintenance	116.00		224.55	340.55
Miscellaneous				0.00
Program Expenses	94.23			94.23
Total Cash Outflows	25,356.44	865.21	224.55	26,446.20
Net Cash from Operations	1,947.23	-865.21	465.83	1,547.85
Balance 1/1/06	2,755.99	5,776.37	13,806.65	22,339.01
Net Cash from Operations	1,947.23	-865.21	465.83	1,547.85
Balance 12/31/06	4,703.22	4,911.16	14,272.48	23,886.86
Savings Bank of Walpole Checking Account Balance 12/31/06				9,614.38
Edward Jones Investment Account Balance 12/31/06				14,272.48
				23,886.86

WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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NH RSA 36-A, provides a Conservation Commission with the basic purpose to identify, protect and conserve the land and water resources of their community. Also charged by RSA 483-A, the Commission reviews wetland applications for local review in conjunction with the NH Wetlands Bureau. A wetlands application (forms available in the town office) is necessary for any activity that involves projects to excavate, remove, dredge, fill or construct a structure in any surface waters or wetlands of the state.

The Commission has reviewed and responded to a number of wetland applications and general wetland issue inquiries including the Emergency Watershed Protection Program as planned by the Natural Resource Conservation Service for the restoration work on Partridge Brook and Mill Brook off Route 12 and the County Farm Connecticut river erosion mitigation project proposed by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

An open space committee with a diverse membership of residents met a number of times during the year. A basic mission statement for the committee is to "Develop goals and facilitate the processes for protecting those lands and special places that are the rural character of Westmoreland". The group discussed a number of issues and concerns and, with the various town boards, found consensus in the concept of protecting the character of the town. The work of the committee, albeit very important, has been put on hold pending resolution of time, leadership and procedural constraints. A supply of Land Conservation reference books were purchased for the town.

In April, the Commission spearheaded a roadside clean-up project with support from the Westmoreland Garden Club with 24 volunteers collecting 106 bags of trash plus a number of large items such as tires, carpet remnants, fence post, etc. Plans are to repeat the effort in 2007.

This year, the Commission suggested additions/changes to the town's Site Plan Review Check List and the Major and Minor Subdivision Checklists which were approved and adopted.

In cooperation with the Westmoreland Garden Club and the School, 2 elm trees from the Elm Research Institute donated by the NH the Beautiful group were planted on school property.

Continued efforts to locate a Connecticut River public boat landing for canoes and kayaks on public property have been unsuccessful.

The winning entries for the "Aren't We Lucky...to Live in Westmoreland" Commission photo contest are now displayed in the Town Hall.

As usual, members are active in a number of committees and groups in the region and have attended a variety of natural resource training and seminars throughout the year.

The Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at the Town Hall. . Feel free to contact any of the members about our work or with questions or concerns with environmental or conservation issues. Also check the town website for more information on the Conservation Commission.

Respectively submitted,

2/15/07

Marshall Patmos , Chairman
Walt Derjue

Jim Blake, Vice Chairman
George Duke

Jeff Smith, Secretary
John Lukin

WESTMORELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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The Department responded to a total of 118 fire and rescue call in 2006. These calls consumed over 510 person hours. The Department welcomed four new members during the year. The Department hosted the Forest Fire Warden's Association Dinner in May and held its annual Chicken Barbecue in July. The Westmoreland Town Band provided the music for the chicken barbecue.

We applied for a Homeland Security Grant, but unfortunately we did not receive one. We held an open house on June 4th. The day was a rainy one but we had but we had about 25 towns people attended and looked at the equipment, asked questions and even had some pictures taken. The Department is planning another open house this year.

We also received thirteen portable radios from the State of New Hampshire.

The Departments goal is to keep the towns people safe and have smoke detectors available to any town resident that may need one by calling the Department.

Any Westmoreland town resident wishing to become a member of the Westmoreland Fire and Rescue Department may join us the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

The members of the Westmoreland Fire and Rescue would like to thank the citizens of Westmoreland for your outstanding support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Harry Nelson

2006 Fire & Rescue Calls		
Type	Number of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
AFA County Jail	1	0:48
AFA Maplewood Nursing Home	7	49:30
AFA Private Residence	3	4:00
AFA Water Treatment Plant	0	0:00
AFA School	3	1:43
Brush Fire	3	9:59
Car Fire	2	2:46
Chimney Fire	0	0:00
CO Detector	1	1:24
Downed Wires / Transformer	9	45:47
Dumpster Fire	0	0:00
Gas / Oil Leak	0	0:00
Good Intent / Smoke Investigation	4	4:56
Hazmat	1	0:38
ME County Jail	1	0:01
ME Maplewood Nursing Home	8	18:06
ME Other	29	55:30
Motor Vehicle Accident	23	150:12
Mutual Aid	13	134:02
Public Assist	4	12:10
Structure Fires	0	0:00
Other	6	18:32
Total	118	510:04
Month	# Calls	Total Number Of Calls
Jan-06	19	19
Feb-06	10	29
Mar-06	6	35
Apr-06	11	46
May-06	5	51
Jun-06	11	62
Jul-06	8	70
Aug-06	5	75
Sep-06	11	86
Oct-06	9	95
Nov-06	9	104
Dec-06	14	118

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLANNING

The Keene All Health Hazard Region (KAHHR) planning group is planning actions so that southwest New Hampshire will swiftly and effectively respond to and recover from a public health emergency. Public Health emergencies differ from more common disasters (i.e. ice storm, flood, fire) in both scope and duration. A public health emergency is defined as an event that affects the public's health: a highly contagious disease, for example, or a natural disaster, or bioterrorism. A public health emergency could last days or months. It might affect only a specific town, or an entire country.

Every community member is equally vulnerable. We might expect worker shortages due to illness or caring for a family member. Ill patients and worried citizens might overwhelm healthcare providers. The region might open an Acute Care Center (ACC) to manage overflow from medical facilities. The region might open Points of Distribution clinics (PODs) to quickly provide medications to citizens. In addition, we might impose isolation or quarantine orders. And we might need expanded morgue facilities to process higher-than-normal numbers of deaths.

The dedicated KAHHR planning group considered each of these issues and customized a response to suit our region's needs. No single municipality has the resources to manage a health emergency by itself. The remedy is advance planning and combining resources from towns, medical, and social service organizations so that the region provides a powerful response.

The Cheshire Public Health Network coordinates the region's preparedness planning with advice from the planning team of representatives from: the Towns of Alstead, Chesterfield, Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Harrisville, Hinsdale, Keene, Marlborough, Marlow, Nelson, Richmond, Roxbury, Stoddard, Sullivan, Surry, Swanzey, Troy, Walpole, Westmoreland, and Winchester: Cheshire Medical Center; Home Health Care, Hospice I Health Community Services (HCS); local chapters of the American Red Cross and Monadnock Way; Monadnock Family Service (MFS); Keene State college; SAUs; employees from the NH Departments of Health and Human Services,, and Homeland Security/Emergency Management; and other agencies.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding how the region is preparing for a public health emergency, please contact the Cheshire Public Health Network Coordinator at the Cheshire Medical center: 354-5454 ext. 2130 or sward2@Cheshire-Med.com

WESTMORELAND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT - 2006

In 2006 the Zoning Board of Adjustments had five (5) requests for Variances. Four were granted and one was deemed unnecessary. It also had nine (9) requests for Special Exceptions. Of these (8) were granted and one (1) was withdrawn. The Board also held two (2) informational sessions.

All applications for Zoning Board of Adjustment hearings for Special Exceptions and Variances originate with the Zoning Administrator R. Bruce Smith. Hearings are usually held the second Tuesday of each month, as necessary. Completed Zoning Hearing Applications must be in the hands of the Zoning Clerk at least fourteen (14) days prior to hearing date to allow time for notification of abutters and the general public.

Zoning Hearing Applications consist of five (5) different components: the denied Zoning Permit Application from the Zoning Administrator, Application for Hearing Appeal available in the Selectmen's office, a diagram showing current condition of property and proposed changes, a list of abutters with current addresses, and the filing fee. The filing fee for a zoning hearing is \$55.00, plus \$4.00 for each abutter, payable to the Town of Westmoreland.

Zoning Board members during 2006: Peter Remy, Chairman, Brenda Shelley, Brian Merry, John Burt, and Barry Shonbeck. Alternates Russell Huntley and April Ferguson.

Respectfully submitted
Helen Draper, Clerk

WESTMORELAND TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

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The trustees met four times during the year to administer affairs of the trusts. Town trust funds are invested in CD's which are held in an account with Edward Jones Company. Return in 2006 on trust funds held at Edward Jones was 3.36%, compared to 2.67% in 2005. The CD's are laddered in maturity and we expect a further improvement in return in 2007. Capital reserve funds continue to be invested in short-term bonds with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Pool. Return on capital reserve funds was 4.54% in 2006, compared to 3.13% in 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick N. Baker
Russell Kotfila
Thomas S. Bates

WESTMORELAND TRUST FUNDS
EDWARD JONES MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
12/31/2006

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSIT	WITHDRAW	JEFF STARKEY	CEMETERY BRAGG	JOTHAM LORD	LIBRARY	ACERNO	LOIS LEACH	STARKEY OLIVER COBB	BRIGGS
1/6/06	JIM STARKEY	100.00		100.00							
1/9/06	MARCIA STARKEY	200.00		200.00							
1/30/06	VARIOUS	660.00		660.00							
2/7/06	VARIOUS	535.00		535.00							
2/2/06	SCHOOL DISTRICT		(216.41)		(216.41)						
2/9/06	LAURIE GOODRICH		(350.00)		(350.00)						
2/28/06	VARIOUS	350.00		350.00							
4/19/06	TOWN JOTHAM LORD		(49.64)			(49.64)					
3/30/06	LIBRARY		(510.21)				(510.21)				
4/27/06	VARIOUS	235.00		235.00							
4/20/06	THERESA ACERNO		(139.79)					(139.79)			
7/6/06	BARBARA MESSER		(105.25)						(105.25)		
8/22/06	CEMETERY	100.00			100.00						
8/25/06	LANCE CLEVELAND		(275.00)	(275.00)							
8/31/06	CEMETERY		(2,604.23)		(2,604.23)						
11/16/06	CEMETERY	600.00			600.00						
12/11/06	JOANN LABARRE		(190.70)							(190.70)	
12/28/06	TINA FLETCHER		(58.00)								(58.00)
TOTALS		2,760.00	(4,497.23)	1,455.00	(1,904.23)	(216.41)	(49.64)	(510.21)	(139.79)	(190.70)	(58.00)
2006 INTEREST EARNED		276.43									
1/11/06	CD INTEREST	589.05									
1/20/06		1,286.24									
1/23/06		1,005.70									
2/21/06		167.11									
7/11/06		579.45									
7/20/06		1,265.28									
7/24/06		989.30									
8/21/06		165.30									
8/21/06	CD MATURED	13,000.00									
8/1/06	PURCHASE CD		(17,000.00)								
10/2/2006		72.66									
11/1/2006		75.06									
12/1/2006		72.66									
		22,324.24	(21,497.23)								
12/31/2005	BALANCE	2038.94									
	DEPOSITS	22,324.24									
	WITHDRAWALS	(21,497.23)									
12/31/2006	BALANCE	2,865.95									
12/31/2006	STATEMENT	2,921.95									
	O/S CHECK #1128	(58.00)									
		2,865.95									

COMMON TRUST FUNDS MS10										PRINCIPAL									
Name of Fund	Purpose	Date	Acct	Share	Total share	12/31/05	12/31/06	Balance	Income	Transfer	Expended	12/31/06	Balance	12/31/05	Income	Transfer	Expended	12/31/06	Balance
2006																			
Cemetery Trust Funds																			
Carnegie Methodist Cemetery				0.3%	0.2%	300.00	300.00	8.02	11.19		(7.50)	11.71	308.03	311.71	308.03	311.71		12/31/05	12/31/06
Chaffee Cemetery				0.1%	0.1%	100.00	100.00	111.06	3.73		(2.50)	112.79	212.29	212.29	212.29	8,188.23	8,285.17		
Chaffee Cemetery				7.6%	4.5%	7,882.24	7,882.24	305.99	283.95		(197.01)	402.63	8,188.23	8,285.17					
E. Cemetery				4.8%	2.9%	5,032.00	5,032.00	2,308.10	187.68		(125.77)	2,369.58	7,340.10	7,401.99					
Garfield Cemetery				12.3%	7.3%	12,772.60	12,772.60	313.16	470.33		(319.24)	470.33	13,057.76	13,242.85					
North Cemetery, Gen. Upkeep				8.5%	14.4%	14,957.56	14,957.56	570.33	557.81		(373.86)	754.29	15,327.89	15,711.85					
North Cemetery, Perpetual Care				0.5%	0.3%	500.00	500.00	561.51	18.65		(12.50)	567.66	1,061.51	1,067.66					
Outlying Cemeteries, (Coke)				0.3%	0.2%	300.00	300.00	8.02	11.19		(7.50)	11.71	308.03	311.71					
First Cemetery				10.8%	6.5%	11,356.72	11,356.72	287.47	423.58		(283.85)	427.14	11,644.19	11,793.86					
S. Village Cemetery, M. & I.				16.8%	10.0%	17,507.51	17,507.51	611.22	652.91		(437.59)	826.54	18,116.73	18,034.05					
S. Village Cemetery, Prop. Care				32.1%	19.1%	33,483.73	33,483.73	6,919.37	1,248.71		(636.91)	7,031.18	40,103.10	40,514.91					
S. Village Cemetery, D. Blood				100.0%	59.4%	104,192.36	104,192.36	11,704.25	3,885.68		(2,504.23)	12,985.68	115,896.61	117,878.04					
Total Cemetery								11,704.25	3,885.68		(2,504.23)	12,985.68	115,896.61	117,878.04					
funding proof																			
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS																			
Bennett, E. G.				20.8%	2.7%	4,752.16	4,752.16	117.71	177.22		(105.93)	189.01	4,869.87	4,941.17					
Briggs, O.L.				8.8%	1.1%	2,013.21	2,013.21	49.87	75.08		(44.86)	80.07	2,063.08	2,093.28					
Burt, M.W.				2.2%	0.3%	503.16	503.16	12.46	18.78		(11.22)	20.01	515.62	523.17					
Capron, H.F.				4.4%	0.6%	1,006.60	1,006.60	24.94	37.38		(22.44)	40.04	1,031.54	1,048.64					
Cousins H.G.				7.2%	0.9%	1,645.79	1,645.79	40.77	61.54		(36.69)	65.46	1,686.56	1,711.25					
Goodman, A.M.				0.9%	0.1%	201.31	201.31	4.99	7.51		(4.49)	8.01	206.30	209.32					
Greene, Dorothy P.				21.9%	2.9%	5,008.75	5,008.75	123.97	186.79		(111.65)	199.11	5,132.72	5,207.86					
Library				4.4%	0.8%	1,006.57	1,006.57	24.94	37.54		(22.44)	40.04	1,031.51	1,048.61					
Neff, Frances				4.5%	0.8%	1,018.85	1,018.85	25.26	38.00		(22.71)	40.55	1,044.11	1,059.40					
Neff, Frances				4.1%	0.8%	1,001.75	1,001.75	24.80	37.36		(22.33)	39.83	1,028.55	1,041.58					
Starkey, M.				11.9%	1.5%	2,717.81	2,717.81	67.32	101.36		(90.58)	108.09	2,785.13	2,825.90					
Thompson & Overman				8.8%	1.1%	2,013.23	2,013.23	49.87	75.08		(44.86)	80.07	2,063.10	2,093.30					
Warner, K.T.				100.0%	13.0%	22,889.19	22,889.19	566.90	853.61		(510.21)	910.30	23,456.09	23,789.49					
Total								566.90	853.61		(510.21)	910.30	23,456.09	23,789.49					
UNION MEETING HOUSE TRUST FUNDS																			
Hall, Sarah M.K.				3.4%	0.1%	100.31	100.31	4.27	3.74			8.01	104.58	108.32					
Hall, Victor				17.1%	0.3%	502.60	502.60	21.40	18.74			40.14	524.00	542.74					
Johnson, Lewis P.				34.2%	0.6%	1,004.84	1,004.84	42.72	37.48			80.20	1,047.56	1,065.04					
Woodward Memorial				45.2%	0.9%	1,326.71	1,326.71	56.42	49.48			105.90	1,383.13	1,432.61					
Total				100.0%	1.7%	2,934.46	2,934.46	124.81	109.44		0.00	234.25	3,059.27	3,168.71					
OTHER TRUST FUNDS																			
Aasmo Scholarship Fund																			
Bleeker				12.9%	3.4%	5,880.95	5,880.95	154.47	219.32		(139.79)	234.00	6,035.42	6,114.95					
Pearl Bragg				1.1%	0.3%	502.49	502.49	21.37	18.74			40.11	524.86	542.86					
Briggs Christmas				20.0%	5.2%	9,104.19	9,104.19	445.46	339.52		(216.41)	598.57	9,549.65	9,872.76					
Claire Grammar				2.2%	0.8%	1,004.52	1,004.52	42.72	37.46		(56.00)	107.24	1,047.24	1,028.70					
Early				1.1%	0.3%	508.47	508.47	195.99	18.96			214.95	704.46	723.42					
Fox				2.0%	0.5%	905.33	905.33	156.57	33.76			190.33	1,061.90	1,095.66					
Lois Leach Gustafson				2.2%	0.6%	1,004.84	1,004.84	174.49	37.47			211.96	1,179.33	1,216.80					
Lois Leach Gustafson				5.6%	1.4%	2,533.12	2,533.12	108.04	94.47		(105.25)	97.26	2,641.16	2,630.38					
Lois Leach Gustafson				6.3%	1.6%	4,310.63	4,310.63	54.06	106.50			160.56	4,471.19	4,471.19					
Lois Leach Gustafson				8.1%	2.1%	2,010.09	2,010.09	49.64	74.96		(49.64)	74.96	2,069.73	2,069.73					
Men's Club				18.2%	4.4%	7,647.87	7,647.87	190.70	285.21		(190.70)	285.21	7,838.57	7,933.08					
Starkey Cobb				16.8%	4.4%	7,647.87	7,647.87	190.70	285.21		(190.70)	285.21	7,838.57	7,933.08					
Starkey Cobb				3.9%	1.0%	1,781.58	1,781.58	134.20	66.44			380.64	2,066.76	2,122.22					
Starkey Cobb				6.7%	1.7%	3,050.84	3,050.84	129.76	113.78			243.54	3,180.60	3,284.38					
Ruth White - Soccer				8.6%	1.7%	2,989.83	2,989.83	590.09	111.49		(757.79)	701.58	3,579.72	3,691.21					
Thomas White - Soccer				100.0%	25.9%	45,464.86	45,464.86	4,093.92	1,695.53		0.00	5,031.66	49,556.76	51,951.92					
Total Other Trust Funds								4,093.92	1,695.53		0.00	5,031.66	49,556.76	51,951.92					
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS																			
				100.0%	175,480.87	2,780.00	(625.00)	177,635.87	16,489.88	6,544.24	0.00	(3,872.23)	19,161.89	19,190.75	196,797.76				

**WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS**

ANNUAL REPORT - 2006

This year the Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee updated the water resources chapter of *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains open, shore lands protected from development, and vegetated riparian buffers growing along riverbanks to keep them stable, keep debris off floodplain fields, and to filter pollutants from water running off the land into the river.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

Citizens interested in representing the town should contact the selectmen. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to join our meetings, on the third Tuesday evening of every other month at the Westmoreland Town Hall. A calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining the necessary federal or state permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Management Plan* are on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

**Jim Blake, Richard Schmidt, and Stuart Adams, Westmoreland representatives to
the Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee**

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

ANNUAL REPORT - 2006

This Year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) has considered issues as wide ranging as the Alstead flood to climate change and the effects of ice jams. In 2006 CRJC provided \$82,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including a study of Connecticut River dragonflies in the area, a guide to locally grown foods, and an aquatic invasive plant survey and workshop.

We hosted the Environmental Protection Agency in announcing results of the Connecticut River Fish Contaminant Study, the first whole-river study of its kind, which was requested by CRJC. Results for the Wantastiquet Region indicate that PCBs are a threat to fisherman, birds and mammals that eat Connecticut River fish. Levels of mercury in fish in this reach are more of a threat to fish-eating birds and mammals than to humans. Dioxins and DDT breakdown products are also present in fish tissue and are a threat to subsistence fishers but not to recreational anglers. Our web site, www.crjc.org, carries links to this study and to state fish consumption advisories.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2006 we created a manual to help local groups prepare engaging heritage tourism-related publications to showcase their communities. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertraval.net.

Appointed by legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, striving to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

Robert Harcke, Connecticut River Commissioner

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MARRIAGES IN 2006

Names of Groom And Bride	Residences	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Jasvinderjit S. Sandhu Jessica Parham-Brown	Keene, NH Westmoreland, NH	January 20, 2006	Keene, NH
Matthew G. Gowell Yancy L. Bird	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	July 1, 2006	Nelson, NH
Nathan E. Bonneau Lynda M. Weber	Westmoreland, NH Holliston, MA	September 9, 2006	Bedford, NH
Robert W Moore III Cynthia M. Schnyer	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	September 22, 2006	Westmoreland, NH
Jason R. Simino Rebecca L. Wilder	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	September 23, 2006	Harrisville, NH
Allen J. Parker Tiffany M. Hubbard	Westmoreland, NH Walpole, NH	October 13, 2006	Westmoreland, NH
Kevin C. Frawley Patricia A. Mercier	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	October 21, 2006	Westmoreland, NH

WESTMORELAND BIRTHS 2006

Date	Place	Baby's Name	Mother's Name / Father's Name
02-09-06	Lebanon, NH	Anna Marie Threadgold	Terri Threadgold / Thomas Threadgold
02-27-06	Keene, NH	Tyler Michael Delaney	Alissa Methe / Ethan Delaney
03-13-06	Keene, NH	Nakita Marie Maylin	Catherine Cook / Shawn Maylin
05-18-06	Keene, NH	Sam Alcide Bergeron	Linda Groiss / John Bergeron
05-27-06	Keene, NH	Jasmine Samantha Belt	Crystal Giglio / Jesse Belt
06-13-06	Keene, NH	Savannah Marie Berthiaume	Kathleen McMahon / Daniel Berthiaume
06-28-06	Keene, NH	Alexis Hope Bouley	Linda Ruiz / Mark Bouley
11-07-06	Keene, NH	Makenna Roselyn Ann Smith	Marisa Gagne / David Smith
12-05-06	Keene, NH	Romello Adriano Melecio	Amanda Moody/ Roberto Melecio
12-12-06	Keene, NH	Brooke Clair Hebert	Wendi Johnson / Jonathan Hebert
12-24-06	Peterborough, NH	William Seamas Curran	Marcy Quinn / Patrick Curran

2006 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name/ Mother's Name
11-03-06	Keene, NH	Robert Walter Nimke	Walter Nimke/ Elizabeth Taylor
12-02-06	Keene, NH	Raymond B. White	Richard E. White/ Ruth Strong
12-02-06	Keene, NH	Ethel M. Monfet	Francis Taylor/ Alice Ross

2006 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS (IN TOWN)

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name/ Mother's Name
01-14-06	83 South Village Road	Linn James Starkey, Jr	Linn J Starkey, Sr/ Marion Harvey
07-02-06	749 Route 63	Vera L. Burt	Harold Libby / Doris Drew
08-03-06	33 Smith Farm Road	Horst Frensdorff	Manfred Frensdorff/ Josepha Miller

MAPLEWOOD DEATHS

RESIDENTS – DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD 2006

Date of Death	Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01-22-06	Frederick Isaac Barlow, Jr.	Frederick Barlow	Julia Lombard
01-22-06	Joyce Moller Kover	William Moller	Ethel Yemmens
02-11-06	Bruce Trotter	Donald Trotter	Louise (Unknown)
03-26-06	Phyllis Zuccale	Carey Emory	Ester Anderson
04-10-06	Fleet Fairbanks	Raymond Fairbanks	Ann Wills
04-10-06	Gordon Little	Ernest Little	Julia Jammerson
04-17-06	Doris De Vaux	Robert Monahan, Sr.	Agnes Clevitt
05-21-06	Marian Hemenway	Albert Whiting	Jesse Coleman
05-30-06	Edith Poland	Harold Sweeney	Mamie (Unknown)
07-10-06	Liesbeth Hook	Johannes Vriesman	Maria Van Huesden
08-17-06	Gertrude Barry	Richard Barry	Christina McLellan
08-18-06	Mirosława Perham	Kazimierz Jobell	Klotylda Romankiewicz
10-20-06	John Belluscio	Floyd Belluscio	Blanche Long
11-03-06	Louie Whippie	Elom Whippie	Florence Dimmick
11-11-06	Grace Kearney	Martin Duffy	Sarah Walker
11-19-06	Ann Geisler	Vincent La Forte	Elizabeth (Unknown)
11-19-06	Daniel Dorney	Patrick Dorney	Anne O'Connor
12-29-06	Lois Siewert	William Siewert	Catherine Cantwell
12-29-06	Sophie Lesniak	Andrew Grabiec	Anna Nowak

RESIDENTS – DEATHS OUT OF TOWN 2006

06-08-06	Clifford Bunker, Jr.	Clifford Bunker, Sr.	Agnes Luksevish
07-09-06	Elaine Bradstreet	Frank Remsen	Catherine Mitchell
08-04-06	Richard DuBois	Arsene DuBois	Charlotte Reyor

NON-RESIDENTS – DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD 2006

Date of Death	Name
01-02-06	Robert Benning Larsen-Sortrup
02-09-06	Mary'E. Lund
03-17-06	Audrey M. York
03-23-06	Carlton Thurston, Sr.
03-28-06	Maurice William Stack, Jr.
05-05-06	Georgianna Smith Timpano
05-16-06	Myrtle R. Capron
09-19-06	Anne Halas Chase
09-28-06	Alexander Bruzzis
10-09-06	William Peter Smith
10-14-06	Genevieve E. Allen

2005 WESTMORELAND BURIALS

Burial Date	Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial
05-17-05	Anna E. Colby	05-11-05	Spoofford, NH	South Village Cemetery
06-19-05	Nicholas D'Amario	10-22-04	White River Jct., VT	South Village Cemetery
08-03-05	Alfred James Willette	07-28-05	Claremont, NH	South Village Cemetery
09-17-05	Gene F. Christian	08-16-05	Florida	East Cemetery
11-06-05	Warren Norman Britton	11-02-05	Keene, NH	East Cemetery
11-19-05	Thomas Hatt	11-13-05	Keene, NH	South Village Cemetery

2006 WESTMORELAND BURIALS

Burial Date	Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial
04-18-06	Ramona G. Flagg	12-01-05	Keene, NH	South Village Cemetery
05-01-06	Thatcher J. Knight	01-04-06	Keene, NH	North Cemetery
05-13-06	Margaret E. Goodrum	04-30-06	Mountain View, CA	North Cemetery
05-15-06	Cecil W. Cunningham	05-10-06	Chesterfield, NH	South Village Cemetery
05-20-06	Linn J. Starkey, Jr.	05-20-06	Westmoreland, NH	South Village Cemetery
07-08-06	Vera L. Burt	07-02-06	Westmoreland, NH	South Village Cemetery
06-08-06	Lura M. Kay	06-03-06	Keene, NH	South Village Cemetery
08-05-06	James Gordon Beckwith	10-09-05	Keene, NH	South Village Cemetery
08-07-06	Horst M. Frensdorff	08-03-06	Westmoreland, NH	South Village Cemetery
10-04-06	Anne H. Chase	09-12-06	Westmoreland, NH	North Cemetery
10-07-06	Carl Lennart Adler	10-01-06	Calhoun, GA	South Village Cemetery
10-14-06	Murray H. Cobleigh	09-08-06	Windsor, VT	South Village Cemetery
11-03-06	Robert Walter Nimke	11-03-06	Keene, NH	North Cemetery
12-07-06	Raymond B. White	12-02-06	Keene, NH	East Cemetery

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

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Diane Hall

AUDITOR

Jo Ann LaBarre

N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Wayne E. Woolridge, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

William B. Gurney, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

James H. Vezina, Business Administrator

Timothy L. Ruehr, Business Administrator - Towns

Paul R. Cooper, Director of Human Resources

Catherine L. Reeves, Director of Special Education

Michael A. Duhaime, Director of Technology Services

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This school district receives federal financial assistance. In order to continue receiving such federal financial assistance, this school district will not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age, or handicapping condition, under the provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Complaints regarding compliance with Title IX regulations should be submitted in writing to the Title IX liaison for School Administrative Unit 29, the Director of Human Resources, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Education, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

Wayne E. Woolridge
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 13th day of March, 2007, at 11:00 in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 a.m., and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary school district officers:

One member of the school board for the ensuing three years
A moderator for the ensuing year
A clerk for the ensuing year
A treasurer for the ensuing year from July 1, 2007
An auditor for the ensuing year

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 15th day of February, 2007.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

Stuart R. Adams, Chair
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said district on the 16th day of March, 2007, at 7:00 in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$490,000 for the construction of an addition, renovation and re-equipping of the school's kitchen, main entrance and related areas, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$440,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, and also to determine the rate of interest thereon: furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund established by voters on March 16, 2001 for such a purpose with the balance of \$10,000 to be raised by general taxation; or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.) (Two-thirds ballot vote required.)*

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$15,000; of said sum, \$5,000 is to come from general taxation and up to \$10,000 from unencumbered funds, and, further, to authorize the Board to transfer up to \$10,000 of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2007 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$16,350 of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2007, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions, or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient, undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2007 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 4 (Capital Reserve Fund), Article 4 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

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WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE

PROPOSED 2007-2008 BUDGET

DISTRICT MEETING

March 16, 2007

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2008-2007 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2006-2006	ACTUAL 2005-2006	BUDGET 2006-2007	School Board's & Budget Committee's PROPOSED 2007-2008	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,429,585	\$1,278,210	\$1,498,295	\$1,485,477	-0.86%	52.40%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$59,641	\$59,642	\$56,547	\$0	-100.00%	0.00%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$231,016	\$284,843	\$308,163	\$258,400	-16.15%	9.11%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,720,242	\$1,622,695	\$1,863,005	\$1,743,877	-6.39%	61.51%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$575,029	\$618,525	\$567,072	\$712,096	25.57%	25.12%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Reg)	\$40,366	\$39,207	\$41,981	\$43,450	3.50%	1.53%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRU.	\$247,008	\$155,028	\$171,910	\$194,508	13.15%	6.86%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Sp)	\$9,450	\$8,802	\$9,000	\$0	-100.00%	0.00%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$871,853	\$821,562	\$789,963	\$950,054	20.27%	33.51%
SAU #29	\$121,634	\$121,634	\$129,357	\$141,045	9.04%	4.98%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,713,729	\$2,565,891	\$2,782,325	\$2,834,976	1.89%	100.00%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL	\$2,713,729	\$2,565,891	\$2,782,325	\$2,834,976	1.89%	100.00%

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2006-2007 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2005-2006	ACTUAL 2005-2006	BUDGET 2006-2007	School Board's & Budget Committee's PROPOSED 2007-2008	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8 - 130 Students Projected)						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$517,775	\$499,881	\$485,223	\$501,530		
Benefits	\$197,139	\$168,042	\$189,289	\$236,171		
Purchased Instructional Service	\$15,000	\$41,078	\$44,311	\$24,239		
Repair Equipment	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$26,964	\$21,631	\$26,762	\$25,415		
Equipment	\$200	\$0	\$818	\$2,887		
Furniture	\$1,895	\$1,612	\$2,243	\$3,000		
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$760,473	\$722,243	\$760,146	\$794,742	4.55%	28.03%
EXTRACURRICULAR						
Salaries & Benefits	\$11,809	\$10,586	\$11,613	\$11,831		
Assemblies/Officials	\$5,450	\$3,277	\$6,410	\$6,890		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$2,445	\$1,527	\$2,300	\$2,300		
Dues and Fees	\$1,275	\$1,055	\$1,575	\$1,850		
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$20,979	\$16,444	\$21,898	\$22,871	4.44%	0.81%
SCHOOL SERVICES						
Attendance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Guidance	\$53,044	\$49,207	\$50,452	\$46,345		
Health	\$34,487	\$35,331	\$40,298	\$23,308		
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$87,531	\$84,537	\$90,750	\$69,651	-23.25%	2.48%

	BUDGET 2008-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2008	BUDGET 2006-2007	School Board's & Budget Committee's PROPOSED 2007-2008	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
STAFF DEVELOPMENT						
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$5,050	\$5,448	\$5,273	\$5,273		
Course Reimbursement	\$6,000	\$1,423	\$6,500	\$7,000		
Management Development	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Staff Development	\$3,000	\$628	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$799	\$243	\$885	\$885		
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$16,849	\$7,742	\$17,658	\$18,158	2.83%	0.64%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA						
Salary & Benefits	\$40,597	\$40,715	\$43,967	\$46,323		
Media Membership	\$790	\$864	\$804	\$936		
Library Books & Supplies	\$4,645	\$3,835	\$4,705	\$4,535		
Equipment/Software	\$1,750	\$904	\$1,750	\$1,750		
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$47,772	\$46,318	\$51,226	\$53,544	4.53%	1.89%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS						
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,891	\$2,839	\$3,255	\$3,360		
Legal/Audit Services	\$1,400	\$2,252	\$4,900	\$4,900		
Other School District Expenses	\$900	\$684	\$800	\$800		
School Board Association	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$7,591	\$5,775	\$8,955	\$9,060	1.17%	0.32%

School Board's & Budget Committee's						
	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2006	BUDGET 2006-2007	PROPOSED 2007-2008	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
Principle's Salary	\$69,028	\$56,000	\$58,300	\$61,215		
Secretary's Salary	\$22,334	\$23,493	\$23,450	\$25,120		
Benefits	\$27,184	\$25,157	\$28,151	\$30,759		
Copier Maintenance	\$5,704	\$6,119	\$6,000	\$4,250		
Telephone	\$9,600	\$6,839	\$7,500	\$7,500		
Postage/Printing	\$1,350	\$705	\$1,350	\$850		
Supplies/Mileage	\$2,816	\$942	\$2,855	\$2,200		
Software	\$1,062	\$1,086	\$1,111	\$1,235		
Equipment/Furniture	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200		
Professional Dues	\$1,000	\$92	\$1,080	\$1,000		
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$140,278	\$120,433	\$129,997	\$134,329	3.33%	4.74%
BUILDING SERVICES						
Salaries	\$35,566	\$32,912	\$37,320	\$41,417		
Benefits	\$11,516	\$11,151	\$12,590	\$14,097		
Rubbish Removal	\$4,751	\$2,369	\$5,291	\$4,250		
Maintenance Services	\$12,750	\$10,643	\$13,150	\$13,150		
Repairs to Building	\$42,675	\$26,247	\$51,078	\$10,000		
Property/Liability Insurance	\$7,000	\$4,350	\$7,000	\$6,000		
Supplies/Materials	\$7,750	\$6,663	\$7,750	\$8,500		
Electricity	\$14,450	\$20,070	\$18,000	\$18,000		
Oil/Gas	\$21,225	\$22,243	\$21,800	\$24,100		
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$157,883	\$136,647	\$173,777	\$139,514	-19.72%	4.92%

	BUDGET 2005-2006	ACTUAL 2005-2006	BUDGET 2006-2007	School Board's & Budget Committee's PROPOSED 2007-2008	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION						
Regular Elementary	\$94,188	\$100,037	\$97,956	\$101,385		
Athletic	\$2,205	\$2,348	\$2,205	\$2,400		
Field Trips	\$3,323	\$3,007	\$3,323	\$3,323		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$99,716	\$105,392	\$103,484	\$107,108	3.50%	3.78%
STAFF SERVICES						
Criminal Record Check/ Staff Physicals	\$250	\$78	\$250	\$500		
Unemployment/Student Loan Repay	\$1,000	\$270	\$1,000	\$1,000		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$1,250	\$348	\$1,250	\$1,500	20.00%	0.05%
FUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$0		
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$14,463	\$14,463	\$14,154	\$0		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$28,000	\$0	\$43,000	\$60,000		
Transfer to Food Services	\$42,000	\$12,868	\$67,000	\$75,000		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$89,463	\$32,331	\$139,154	\$135,000	-2.99%	4.76%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$1,429,585	\$1,278,210	\$1,498,295	\$1,485,477	-0.86%	52.40%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principle	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0		
Bond Interest	\$4,641	\$4,642	\$1,547	\$0		
Interest on Cat. Aid Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$59,641	\$59,642	\$56,547	\$0	-100.00%	0.00%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$1,489,226	\$1,337,852	\$1,554,842	\$1,485,477	-4.46%	52.40%

School Board's
Budget Committee's

	BUDGET 2005-2006	ACTUAL 2005-2006	BUDGET 2006-2007	PROPOSED 2007-2008	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$115,793	\$120,188	\$122,802	\$103,139		
Benefits	\$34,585	\$42,876	\$48,201	\$48,010		
Vision/Audiology	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0		
Supplies/Books/Equipment/Mileage	\$1,679	\$626	\$1,150	\$1,050		
Elementary/MS Out-of-District Tuition	\$16,799	\$66,747	\$48,005	\$21,119		
Pre-School Tuition	\$3,000	\$8,031	\$15,735	\$36,132		
Psychology	\$20,000	\$12,293	\$17,870	\$15,000		
Speech	\$25,200	\$20,195	\$26,400	\$15,950		
OT/ PT	\$6,300	\$8,310	\$9,000	\$9,000		
Elementary Special Transportation	\$6,180	\$5,578	\$18,000	\$9,000		
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$231,016	\$284,843	\$308,163	\$258,400	-16.15%	9.11%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST						
	\$1,720,242	\$1,622,895	\$1,863,005	\$1,743,877	-6.39%	61.51%
HIGH SCHOOL						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS						
Keene High School	\$575,029	\$618,525	\$567,072	\$712,096		
77 students @ \$9,248						
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$575,029	\$618,525	\$567,072	\$712,096	25.57%	25.12%

	BUDGET 2006-2008	ACTUAL 2006-2008	BUDGET 2006-2007	School Board's & Budget Committee's PROPOSED 2007-2008	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$40,366	\$39,207	\$41,981	\$43,450		
TOTAL REG. HS TRANSPORT.	\$40,366	\$39,207	\$41,981	\$43,450	3.50%	1.53%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$615,395	\$657,732	\$609,053	\$755,546	24.05%	26.65%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition (9 students @ \$16,350)	\$165,330	\$117,652	\$146,910	\$147,150	0.16%	5.19%
High School Out-of-District Tuition - High School Collaborative (0 student - TNT program)	\$61,678 \$20,000	\$17,374 \$20,002	\$1,000 \$24,000	\$47,358 \$0		
Special Instr. Transportation	\$9,450	\$8,802	\$9,000	\$0		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$256,458	\$163,830	\$180,910	\$194,508	7.52%	6.86%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$871,853	\$821,562	\$789,963	\$950,054	20.27%	33.51%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$121,634	\$121,634	\$129,357	\$141,045	9.04%	4.98%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,713,729	\$2,565,891	\$2,782,325	\$2,834,976	1.89%	100.00%
PRIOR YEAR DEFICIT APPROP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,713,729	\$2,565,891	\$2,782,325	\$2,834,976	1.89%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND
2007-08 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	2006-07 BUDGET	2007-08 PROPOSED	% INCREASE	\$ INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$28,510	\$59,400		
Local Property Taxes	\$1,470,529	\$1,704,250	15.89%	\$233,721
Tuition (school of choice)	\$60,000	\$0		
Interest	\$4,000	\$6,000		
Lunch Local	\$40,000	\$45,000		
Transport. Fees	\$2,800	\$2,800		
Guidance Reimb.	\$11,431	\$0		
Media Generalist Reim.(grant funded)	\$9,770	\$0		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$2,100	\$2,100		
N.H. Property Tax	\$410,970	\$401,864	-2.22%	-\$9,106
N.H. Equitable Education Aid	\$601,430	\$511,216	-15.00%	-\$90,214
N.H. Building Aid	\$16,968	\$0		
N.H. Handicapped Aid	\$7,324	\$7,346		
Net Change in Reimbursement	\$0	\$0		
Anticipation Borrowing				
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Federal Funds	\$43,000	\$60,000		
Lunch - Federal	\$25,000	\$28,000		
Transfer to trust funds	\$24,154	\$0		
Transfer from Prior Year	\$17,339	\$0		
TOTALS	\$2,782,325	\$2,834,976	1.89%	\$52,651
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET (Local and State School Tax)			11.94%	
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE DUE TO STATE AID DECREASE (38% of projected school tax increase is due to loss of state aid)			-\$0.4511	
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET			\$1.1257	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000			\$112.57	
WARRANT ARTICLE PROJECTED TAX IMPACT				TAX IMPACT
Warrant Article #2 (School Budget)		\$2,834,976		\$1.13
Warrant #1 School Renovation(1st year of bond + \$10,000)		\$21,330		\$0.11
Warrant #4 Transfer to Capital Reserve		\$15,000		\$0.08
Warrant # 5 Transfer to Expendable Trust		\$16,350		\$0.08
TOTAL WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		\$2,887,656		
BUDGET INCREASE WITH ALL ARTICLES		\$105,331		3.8%
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES			14.74%	
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES			\$1.3899	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000			\$138.99	

Historical School Tax Chart

Average 7 year tax increase is 3.5% per year

	Rate	Total School Tax Dollars	State Ed. Aid	% Tax Change from Previous Year
2000-01		\$1,733,948	\$428,043	
2001-02		\$1,743,496	\$500,915	0.55%
2002-03	\$18.14	\$1,832,990	\$553,670	5.13%
2003-04	\$11.96	\$1,710,134	\$693,719	-6.70%
2004-05	\$13.99	\$2,016,150	\$617,212	17.89%
2005-06	\$13.09	\$1,903,423	\$601,430	-5.59%
2006-07	\$9.47	\$1,881,499	\$601,430	-1.15%
2007-08	\$10.86	\$2,158,794	#REF!	14.74%

DETAIL OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PER RSA 32:11-a

	2005-06 ACTUAL	2006-07 BUDGET	2007-08 BUDGET
REVENUE			
State Equity Aid for Special Ed.	\$200,550	\$200,550	\$123,091
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
Medicaid Reim.	\$9,334	\$5,000	\$5,000
Catastrophic Aid	\$1,354	\$7,324	\$7,346
TOTAL REVENUE	\$211,238	\$205,550	\$128,091
EXPENSE			
Instruction	\$393,496	\$408,803	\$403,958
Services	\$40,796	\$56,270	\$42,950
Transportation	\$14,381	\$27,000	\$9,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$448,673	\$492,073	\$455,908
NET COST	\$237,435	\$286,523	\$327,817



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Westmoreland School District
Westmoreland, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Westmoreland School District, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as of June 30, 2006 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

The government-wide statement of net assets does not include any of the School District's capital assets nor the accumulated depreciation on those assets; and the government-wide statement of activities does not include depreciation expense related to those assets. These amounts have not been determined. Therefore, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Westmoreland School District at June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Westmoreland School District as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Westmoreland School District has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Westmoreland School District's basic financial statements. The individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

September 27, 2006

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

for the

WESTMORELAND School District

Cash on hand July 1, 2005	(Treasurer's bank balance)	83,148.70
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Current Appropriation	1,903,423.00
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Balance of Previous Appropriations

Advance on Next Year's Appropriations

Revenue from State Sources	651,236.70
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Revenue from Federal Sources	17,742.36
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Received from Tuitions	1,440.95
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Received as Income from Trust Funds

Received from Sales of Notes and Bonds (Principal only)

Received from Capital Reserve Funds

Received from all Other Sources	69,519.44
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Total Receipts	2,643,362.45
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TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts)	2,726,511.15
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LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	2,663,639.56
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BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2006	(Treasurer's Bank Balance)	62,871.59
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District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, voucher, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of _____ of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, _____, and find them correct in all respects.

Date _____

Auditors

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
7/05-6/06	Bank & PDIP	Interest	5,686.44
	Town of Westmoreland	Appropriation	1,903,423.00
	State of NH	Building Aid	16,124.28
	State of NH	Catastrophic Aid	1,354.16
	State of NH	Adequacy/Equitable Ed Aid	601,430.00
	State of NH	Medicaid	10,400.24
	State of NH	State Lunch	618.04
	Federal	Project-Title	21,309.98
	Federal	Lunch Reimbursement	12,596.88
	Keene School	Reap	5,145.48
	Village Children	Tuition Refund	1,365.95
	Westmoreland School	Tuition Refund	75.00
	Keene School	Lunch	38,988.81
	Harrisville School	Lunch Reimbursement	228.22
	Delano	Job Share	17,258.17
	Met Life	Bus Money	1,885.00
	Messer, Sullivan, Mason	Refund	93.91
	Keene State	Health Insurance	3,149.94
	Primex	Sub Reimbursement	280.00
	Verizon & AT&T	Refund	1,697.00
	Miscellaneous	E-rate Refund	31.00
		Refunds	220.95

TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR	\$ 2,643,362.45
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WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 10, 2006

Results from election of March 14, 2006:

For the District Moderator for the ensuing year:
Peter Heed - 299 votes and declared elected.

For Two Members of the School Board for the ensuing three years:
Mike Acerno - 211 votes and declared elected.
Ian Hurley - 176 votes and declared elected.

For One Member of the School Board for the ensuing two year:
Madeline Ullrich - 194 votes and declared elected.

For School District Auditor for the ensuing one year:
Joann LaBarre - 308 votes and declared elected.

For School District Treasurer for the ensuing year:
Susan DeLuca - 282 votes and declared elected.

For School District Clerk for the ensuing one year:
Gail Ainsworth - 300 votes and declared elected.

317 voters of the registered 1017 voted.

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator Bruce Smith on Friday, March 10, 2006, at 7:05 P.M. at the Westmoreland School. He asked for nominations for Moderator pro tempe. Ms. Barbara Messer nominated Bruce Smith. Bruce Smith being the only nomination from the floor, a voice vote was taken and passed. The Moderator reviewed the rules and procedure of acting upon one amendment before moving on to the next amendment.

Mr. Bruce Smith introduced the SAU 29 Superintendent, Michele Munson, Assistant Superintendent, Wayne Woolridge and the Westmoreland School Principal, Meredith Cargill.

Mr. Smith reminded the audience that only registered voters could vote.

Mr. Smith read:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Motion by Ms. Moon that the District receive reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen as printed in the annual report. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ullrich.

No discussion.

Article I passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion by Ms. Moon that the District raise and appropriate \$2,720,832 for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ullrich.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Castor asked the Board to add \$18,763 to the budget for the purpose of adding two days for the guidance counselor. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion expressing his concern that the ability of a part-time guidance counselor to address all possible concerns of students would be compromised unless two days of guidance were added to the budget.

Mr. Hamilton stated that Westmoreland needed a full-time guidance counselor to prevent special education issues, and in case of emergencies. He suggested a full-time counselor would keep the school proactive. He said students come to school with a lot of baggage and should not have to wait until the counselor is present.

Mr. Acerno indicated that the decision was not made lightly, he described the decision process and outlined the team effort for a support network.

Ms. Nancy Shonbeck asked if the guidance counselor is responsible for discipline. Ms. Cargill stated that the principal is responsible for discipline and that the guidance counselor is called in on certain circumstances that relate to developing skills, such as two children learning to use their words instead of hitting each other.

Ms. Lori Ingram spoke to understanding the need to reduce the guidance counselor's time. Students feel safe, they should not be allowed to fail, and that problems are being addressed.

Ms. Ullrich identified herself in relation to opposition of reduced guidance time. Changing her view relative to acknowledging the administrations role, outlined state requirements as being doubled amount. She also described how contingency plans could work.

Mr. Rand Burnett asked what the additional cost would be if the \$18,000 was added to the budget for a house valued at \$150,000. Mr. Woolridge said it would be an additional cost of \$19.50.

Mr. Smith read the amendment for adding the \$18,000. A voice vote was taken, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Smith read Article 2 again, Motion by Ms. Moon that the District raise and appropriate \$2,720,832 for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ullrich.

No discussion.

Article 2 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to be used to develop and design preliminary plans for a school renovation project which includes the redesign and improvement of the school's kitchen facilities, main entrance way including security improvements and adjacent areas, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (*The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.*)

Motion by Ms. Moon that the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to be used to develop and design preliminary plans for a school renovation project which includes the redesign and improvement of the school's kitchen facilities, main entrance way including security improvements and adjacent areas, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Motion seconded by Ms. Ullrich.

Mr. Adams reviewed the work that had been done on the kitchen and what still needs to be completed.

Ms. Shonbeck asked what the difference was between article three and article four.

Mr. Acerno explained the differences.

Mr. Smith clarified that Article 3 would be for hiring the architect and Article 4 would be having the work done.

Mr. Smith read Article 3 again.

Article 3 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$15,000; of said sum, \$5,000 is to come from general taxation and up to \$10,000 from unencumbered funds; and, further, to authorize the Board to transfer up to \$10,000 of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2006 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or

to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Ms. Moon that the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$15,000; of said sum, \$5,000 is to come from general taxation and up to \$10,000 from unencumbered funds; and, further, to authorize the Board to transfer up to \$10,000 of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2006 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Motion seconded by Ms. Ullrich.

Mr. Acerno explained that up to \$10,000 would be moved into this account if there was a surplus. Only \$5,000 would be raised from taxation.

Ms. Nancy Shonbeck asked if that would be additional money raised.

Mr. Acerno indicated only \$5,000 not the money from surplus.

Article 4 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$14,154 of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2006, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions, or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient, undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2006 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 4 (Capital Reserve Fund), Article 4 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Ms. Moon that the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$14,154 of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2006, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions, or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient, undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2006 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 4 (Capital Reserve Fund), Article 4 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article.

Motion seconded by Ms. Ullrich.

Mr. Tim Thompson asked if the Board anticipated a need?

Mr. Acerno reported that they already have \$52,000 in the capital reserve fund.

It was suggested that there be a cap put on the fund.

Mr. Acerno indicated that there may be a need for \$100,000 in the account. If passed, the account would have \$66,000. Mr. Smith suggested that the Board look at the prospect of a cap.

Ms. Shonbeck also suggested that the community can always vote no.

Ms. Beth Martin asked what would happen if they did not have the contingency.

Mr. Adams explained that they did not know when they might need the money.

Article 5 passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Smith thanked the School Board.

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Mr. Carlson Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Jim Blake seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Article 6 passed by a voice vote.

Deborah Hatt
Westmoreland Resident

A True Copy Attest

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Over the past year, the Westmoreland School Board has worked very hard to present the best possible kitchen renovation proposal to the Westmoreland voters. At the district meeting on Friday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m., Westmoreland voters will decide whether to approve the money necessary to complete the renovations. In addition to the vote on the renovation, residents will be asked to vote on a proposed operating budget of \$2,834,976. Please be sure to attend this meeting to participate in these important decisions.

Westmoreland School continues to be recognized for outstanding student performance in several areas including reading, writing, math, and the area of technology. A year ago, Westmoreland School was named "A School of Choice" for technology by the administrators of the Monadnock Regional Public Schools of Choice. As a consequence of that honor, Westmoreland received more than \$60,000 of additional revenue for this school year.

Although the federal legislation, "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB), was adopted in 2002, there continue to be new regulations we must meet. This past year, we moved from testing all students in grades three and six to testing all students in grades three *through* eight.

Next year, a State Science Assessment will be added as part of No Child Left Behind. Each Westmoreland student in grades four and eight will be tested in science. This proposed budget includes funds for teachers to work over the summer aligning the Westmoreland science curriculum with the new State Science Standards from which the science tests were created.

Westmoreland students will benefit from a recent announcement that SAU 29 will receive \$75,000 from Title II of No Child Left Behind which authorizes a competitive Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant. We wrote the grant last fall with the help of Professor Tom Bassarear from Keene State College. The grant is intended to encourage institutions of higher education and local school districts to participate in professional development activities that increase the subject matter knowledge and teaching skills in mathematics. Professional development activities must be classroom focused and aligned with state standards. As a result of the \$75,000 SAU 29 received for this grant, several teachers from Westmoreland will be paid to participate in the five days of math workshops offered this summer.

The titles of the workshops available to Westmoreland teachers are: Unpacking Math Grade Level Expectations, Manipulatives/Inquiry-Based Strategies, Reading and Writing across the Math Curriculum, Differentiated Instruction, Alternative Methods of Assessments and Coping with Math Anxiety.

Teachers will be paid \$100 per day from the grant for participating in these workshops. We will also have workshops available for teachers in the fall and the spring of the next school year.

Although we are grateful for the federal revenue that supports this grant, the NCLB mandate is underfunded. In 2005, the New Hampshire School Boards Association projected yearly expenditures related to No Child Left Behind of \$577 per student. That same year they projected an anticipated increase in federal revenue for NCLB at \$75 per student.

A few Westmoreland teachers and other staff members from nine schools in SAU 29 and Winchester Elementary School participated in summer curriculum work in science, math, health, and social studies in 2006. The primary focus of the activities was the alignment of SAU 29 curriculum to the New Hampshire revised Curriculum Framework.

The goal of the social studies curriculum committee was to create a fifth and sixth grade curriculum that is aligned with the newly-adopted New Hampshire State Frameworks. The document maintains a logical sequence through the grade levels. The revisions have eliminated unnecessary repetition between the fifth grade and the seventh grade curriculum addressing American History. The curriculum revision addressed the following fifth grade topics: U.S. Government and Citizenship, United States Regions, Canada, Latin American, and Mesoamerican Civilizations (Aztec, Inca, and Maya).

Sixth grade topics include: Ancient Civilizations (River Valley and Classical Civilizations), Western Europe (Medieval to Age of Exploration), and Economics. Leaving off at the Age of Exploration in Western Europe provides an excellent transition to the U. S. History curriculum in the seventh grade.

In 2007, curriculum work will emphasize K-12 science, math, and guidance, as well as continued work in social studies with an emphasis on kindergarten through grade four.

Westmoreland students and all students in SAU 29 schools participated in the Northwest Evaluation Association program during 2006-2007. NWEA has grown dramatically in recent years as school districts seek a method for measuring individual student progress over time. The computer adaptive tests give students, parents, and teachers immediate feedback on student progress and level of performance. Westmoreland School's teachers and its principal, Ms. Cargill, have been the pioneers in SAU 29 regarding computer adaptive assessment. They have willingly shared their expertise with teachers and administrators in all our SAU 29 schools.

Westmoreland's students at Keene High School continue to perform exceptionally well. This past year Westmoreland had 88 students enrolled at Keene High School. These students are taking advantage of a wide range of academic, as well as co-curricular activities. In English, 73 percent of the Westmoreland students earned a grade of "B" or better. In mathematics, 68 percent earned a grade of "B" or better. In science, 73 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. In social studies, 79 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. In world language, 74 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. The overall attendance rate for Westmoreland students at Keene High School was 96.3 percent. Each data point listed above was significantly better than the corresponding overall Keene High School data point.

Westmoreland's seniors from the class of 2006 reported their post-secondary plans as follows: Berkley College of Music, MA; Colby College, ME; Keene Beauty Academy, NH; Keene State College, NH (3); Pennsylvania State University, PA; Plymouth State University, NH (2); Roger Williams University, RI; Rutgers University, NJ; St. Anselms College, NH; University of Maine – Farmington, ME; University of New Hampshire, NH (3); University of Massachusetts, MA; Wheaton College, MA; Work (2) and Wyotech, NY.

Westmoreland has a tremendous level of parental involvement and support, which research shows is critical to student success and overall school quality. A strong PTA presence and high volunteerism are characteristics of Westmoreland School. These factors contribute to a very positive school environment and strong community ownership in, and support for, the school. The Westmoreland staff has continued its efforts to ensure that the children are offered a well-coordinated and challenging curriculum. Many have worked hard to broaden their subject area background and/or their skills to meet the needs of each child.

The constructive working relationship between the school board and staff continues to promote continuous school improvement. This is facilitated by good communication between the staff and board and by board members' recognition of, and interaction with, the staff.

The Westmoreland School community should be very proud of its school. The improvement that has occurred should not be taken for granted, nor should the strong support given to the school by the community. Continuation of this improvement is highly contingent upon open lines of communication between the home and school and a good understanding of what goes on in the school. Please make the time to visit the school, to attend a school-related activity, or attend a school board meeting, and attend the Annual District Meeting on Friday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Wayne E. Woolridge
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Enrollment

This fall we enthusiastically welcomed 16 new kindergarteners. As of January 3, 2007, our enrollment is 157 students and our class sizes are:

Kdg.	16	Grade 3	8	Grade 6	14
Grade 1	22	Grade 4	25	Grade 7	12
Grade 2	21	Grade 5	16	Grade 8	23

School Improvement Goals

Each spring, representatives from all stakeholder groups come together for the Westmoreland School Board Retreat. The goal of this retreat is to identify our accomplishments and then areas that we would like to improve the following year. This school year's goals included:

- 1. To refine existing methods and implement new effective methods to increase communication between teachers, parents, students, administration, and the community.*
- 2. To improve our K-8 reading and writing program across all content areas and vertically articulate our curriculum.*
- 3. To support professional development, hardware/software acquisitions, and best practice instruction surrounding technology and computers.*

The staff and administration have worked and will continue to work on achieving these goals throughout the year.

We have renovated our Westmoreland School website with a refaced design and updated information in an attempt to equip students, parents, and visitors alike with the information. Please visit us at www.sau29.org/westmoreland.

Teachers have dedicated some of their preparation time this year to "Professional Learning Communities." Within these communities, groups of teachers with a similar professional interest (e.g., best practice reading methods, non-fiction writing, technology integration, etc.) work together to review current research, create measurable professional objectives, and implement new strategies in the classroom. Additionally, we have been looking at a survey recommended by New Hampshire Education Commissioner Lyonel Tracy. Through our school guidance program, students in grades 6-8 completed the "My Voice" student survey, to gauge student perceptions about their school. The results were highly positive and support the notion that a small school can provide a nurturing community where students feel involved.

Academics

We would like to congratulate Samantha Fields as the valedictorian and Linnea Adler as the salutatorian for our eighth grade class of 2006. The graduation exercise was very positive and that class has had a nice adjustment to Keene High School. All students continue to have access to all four major content areas, and are also enrolled in courses in guidance, library technology, physical education, health, and art. Students in grades 3 through 8 take Spanish.

This August, we received the news that we made “Adequate Yearly Progress” under the No Child Left Behind Act. The assessment used to determine this is referred to as the NECAP test (New England Comprehensive Assessment Program). All students in grades 3 through 8 throughout the state take this test every fall. We scored very high overall and ranked in the top ten of other K through 8 New Hampshire schools. Additionally, we continue to work with a variety of other assessments to help teachers collect data on student achievement and individual needs. Our chief goal is to carefully balance this so that our students are not “over” assessed – which is why we pick research-based assessments that do not absorb much instructional time, but still provide meaningful data to drive instruction.

We have increased the amount of instructional time dedicated to reading this year. Students in kindergarten and first grade receive a minimum of 120 minutes per day of excellent instruction. Additionally, in the middle school, we have developed a fully integrated historical reading approach for eighth graders. This will help with their transition to the high school. In grades 5 through 7 we have developed flexible groups where students spend one trimester on each of the following areas: literature analysis, non-fiction reading, and looking at word roots and meanings. These reading blocks meet four times weekly. Additionally, parents and students were given a *Middle School Writer's Guide* to take a united approach to helping students learn the proper methods for non-fiction writing.

Arts

This year we have offered a new approach to music education. Elementary students still participate in a comprehensive general music class; middle school students have the choice of taking either general music, chorus, or band. This differentiation provided a festive and professional Holiday Concert under the direction of Carlson Barrett and Nancy Newton. We had a very large turnout for the concert and the feedback received has been highly positive. Carlson Barrett teaches band, chorus, and general music; Nancy Newton leads three bell choirs.

Our New Hampshire Dance Institute Program went very well this past year. The theme last year was *Je Dance* and was very well attended during Memorial Day weekend at Keene State College. Valerie Snowdon returns to us for a third year as the instructor, working with school coordinator Susanne Bates. Field trips have included: Keene State College's Thorne-Sagenthorpe Art Gallery, performances at the Colonial Theater, and local business and attractions in Westmoreland.

We would like to recognize the hard work put into the Community Service program by students, supported by parents, and organized by Paul Deschenes. This year, about 450 community service hours were collectively completed including: raising money for Hurricane Katrina survivors, local road clean up, Toys for Tots, Special Olympics, Monadnock Humane Society, helping the

elderly, day care, helping at the town library, helping at athletic events and around the school, and helping disabled children.

Athletics and Wellness

Matthew Schmidt is our new athletic director. Our girls' soccer team had a very successful season under the direction of Rai Fedorowitz. The boys' soccer team worked hard under the leadership of Wayne Whippie. Both teams participated in the annual soccer tournament October 10 and 11, organized by our Sports Boosters group. Wayne continues on as the boys' basketball coach and Matthew Schmidt is coaching the girls' team. We look forward to softball and baseball this spring. It is exciting to announce that, between our middle school teams and the town recreational league organized by Michael Acerno, about 100 of our students participated in soccer this fall. That is about two-thirds of our student population.

We have another exciting achievement to share! In conjunction with Cheshire Medical Center and New Hampshire Healthy Kids, Westmoreland School has earned the "100% School" designation. Our school nurse, Althea Denham, worked with parents to ensure that all children had access to health insurance. This supports a regional and state initiative focusing on healthy children.

New Faculty

This year ushered in a new early elementary team with Brenda Shelley teaching first grade and Jennifer Young teaching kindergarten. Brenda has been a long-time resident, a former parent of children at the school, and has filled several long-term substitute positions for us. Jennifer Young is a native of the area and returns after teaching for several years in southern California. Lori Castagna, our new special educator, comes to us with experiences teaching in both preschool and specific learning disability placements. Greer Isaacs, our new guidance counselor, has experience with K-8 counseling from the east coast of the state. Katelyn Schmidt teaches our 3-8 Spanish class and enriches her classes with her love for theater, drama, and performing arts. Matthew Schmidt, our new physical education and health teacher, has years of coaching experience and played NCAA soccer throughout his college experience. Our new nurse, Althea Denham, comes to us with pediatric experiences and has been a welcome addition to our school.

Facilities

During the first week of summer vacation, we had an asbestos audit from the state which we passed. Again we were impressed by the professional job done by S&S Painting. They power washed and stained the exterior wood elements of the building, retouched the back of the building near the playground, and repainted trim around windows and doors. Inside they painted the gymnasium, hallway up to the double doors, the copy room, nurse's office, and middle school restrooms. Internally we swapped the art/music room with the first grade room to accommodate our differentiated music program. Additionally, this provided a clear "elementary" wing of our school.

Many parents, students, and community members joined Nancy Newton and Susanne Bates in their effort to create a butterfly garden behind the school library. Nestled mostly around one of the gazebos, teachers have already begun taking their classes out and using this space as an outdoor learning lab. Within the building our media specialist, Rob Stack, installed four SmartBoards and projectors in middle school classrooms. Several teachers have started making

these frequent components of their lessons. We are grateful to a generous community members who worked out a donation of used office furniture and locking filing cabinets and redesigned the office and many other class spaces.

Volunteers

As always, we are so grateful to the outpouring of community and parent volunteers who willingly give of their time and talents to support a diverse array of projects. From coming in to read with children, to helping with gardening, to participating in fine arts nights and school beautification nights, to supporting athletics and performing arts – there are countless ways that our school is enriched by this generosity. Furthermore, our students witness this volunteerism and recognize that they are valued as a part of the community, which helps to develop strong self-worth in years to come. Thank you again!

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith Cargill

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL STAFF

Meredith Cargill Principal
 Debbie Nelson Secretary
 Greer Isaacs School Counselor
 Lori Castagna Special Education
 Nancy Newton Reading Specialist
 Matthew Schmidt Athletic Director

Jennifer Young Kindergarten
 Brenda Shelley Grade 1
 Leslie Carlson Grade 2
 Stacy Riendeau Grade 3
 Karen Durling Grade 4
 Nancy Belsky Grade 5/Middle School Math
 Leah Kish Grade 6/Middle School Science
 Melissa Crotto-Young Grade 7/Middle Sch. English Lang. Arts
 Paul Deschenes Grade 8/Middle School Social Studies

Mee Yin Morrison Art
 Robert Stack Media Specialist
 Carlson Barrett Music/Band/Chorus
 Matthew Schmidt Physical Education/Middle School Health
 Katie Schmidt World Language/Spanish

Jeanne Symonds Educational Evaluator
 Sandra Swinburne School Psychologist
 Pam Prentiss Occupational Therapist
 Lois Sellers Speech Language Therapist
 Althea Denham School Nurse
 Laura Kraus Cook
 Chad Adams Utility Aide
 John Beecher Custodian

HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

January, 2007.

TOTAL NURSING VISITS: 908

ASSESSMENTS

Vision Screens	12	Referrals	0
Hearing Screens	12	Referrals	0
Postural Screens	Spring, '07	Referrals	0
B/P Screens	0	Referrals	0
Heights and weights	68	Referrals	0
Head Lice Checks	300	Referrals	0
Number of Office Visits	516	Sent Home	26
Related to injury	143	Medical Care Provided	116
Related to illness	333	Recommended Doctor Visit	8
Incident/Accident Report	1	Hospital	1

MEDICATION

Total	197
Scheduled	0
PRN (as needed)	11

HEALTH RELATED COMMUNICATION

Parent	14
Teacher	2
Parent contact regarding immunizations	44

IMMUNIZATION REVIEW 157

EDUCATION

Attendance at Meetings:	Staff (2)	Town Nurses Mtg. (1)
	Wellness Cmte. (2)	Avian/Pandemic Flu Mtg.-Nurses (1)

Classroom Presentations/Classes: Health Class 4 times per week, grades K-3

Attendance at Professional Workshops/Seminars: None

Wellness Promotion (Staff):

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Flu Shots Administered
- Avian/Pandemic Flu Planning Updates
- Health Alerts as needed
- One-to-one health information as individuals request it

OTHER

- Fluoride Rinse Program – 76 students participating
- 100% Schools Pilot Program – complete – we're a 100% School
- 2007-2008 Health Office Budget
- Growth/BMI Charts started on all students
- Screening for color blindness initialed on all students requiring vision screening

Althea Denham, RN
Westmoreland School

SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT

This year Westmoreland School's enrollment is up to almost 160 students. Our breakfast and lunch participation is holding strong at about 68 percent. On average, we are serving 50 breakfasts a day, which is wonderful. We continue to offer an array of choices for students. Our sausage, egg and cheese bagels are still a hit and, on Thursdays, the students have a treat of cinnamon buns.

With recent research focusing our society's attention on wellness and nutrition, we are working with the Keene School District's Food Service Department to exceed federal guidelines and expectations. This, in turn, provides a solid nutritional foundation for our students.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the school or the Keene Food Service Department at 357-9011. Thank you for all the support I continue to receive each year.

Laura Kraus
Kitchen Manager

WESTMORELAND GRADUATES

2007

GRADE 8

Jacob Brown
Magen Bunszel
Kayla Chase
Suzanne Chickering
Elizabeth Delisle
Krista Fletcher
William Fletcher
Meghan Geiss
Benjamin Gelb
Hayley Madden
Rachel McGahie
Hannah Mercier
Ashlynn Moody
Rory Moon
Megan Patnode
Amelia Robinson
Alexandra Santman
Jonathan Sciortino
Lydia Seraichick
Alexander Scholz-Karabakakis
Rainna Sonderegger
Johnson Whippie
Griffin White

GRADE 12

Arianna Adler
Walker Brown
Joanne Chickering
Jason Crotty
Emily Gelb
Brett Keith
Caitlyn Lawson
Matthew Moody
Jennifer Moore
Michael Nelson
Lucas Patnode
Michael Remy
Austin Richard
Charles Rudolph
Ian Seraichick
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Amanda Starkey
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